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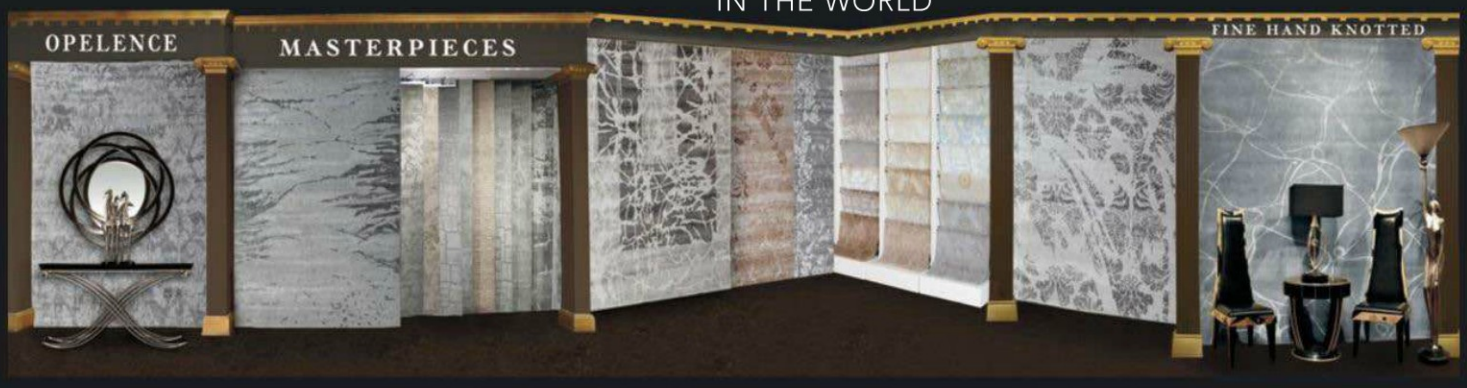

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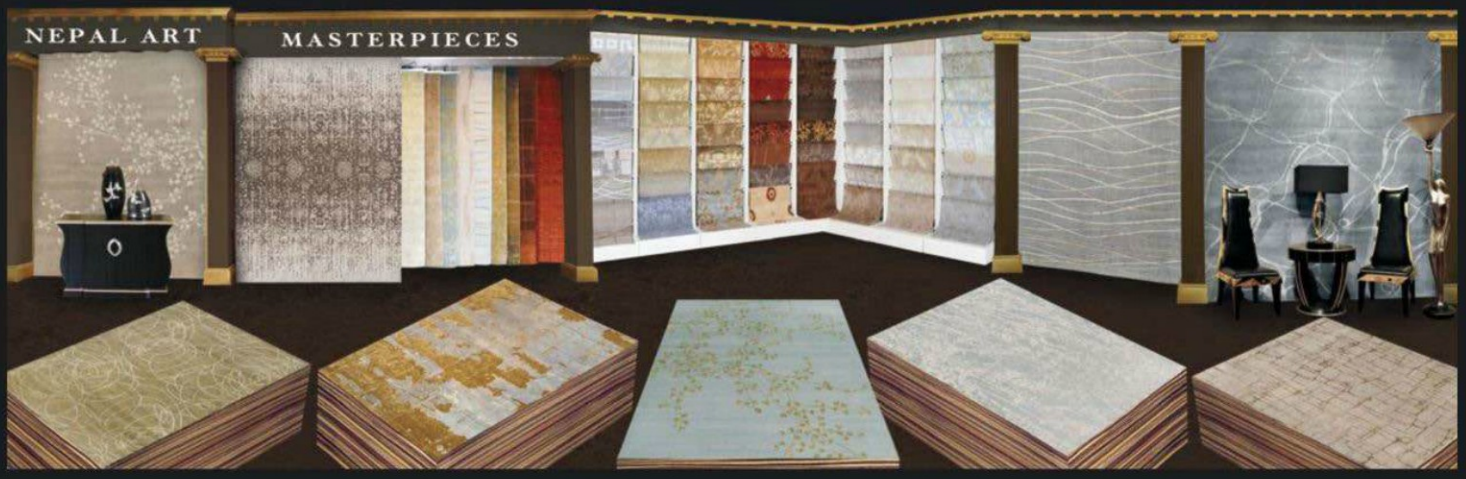

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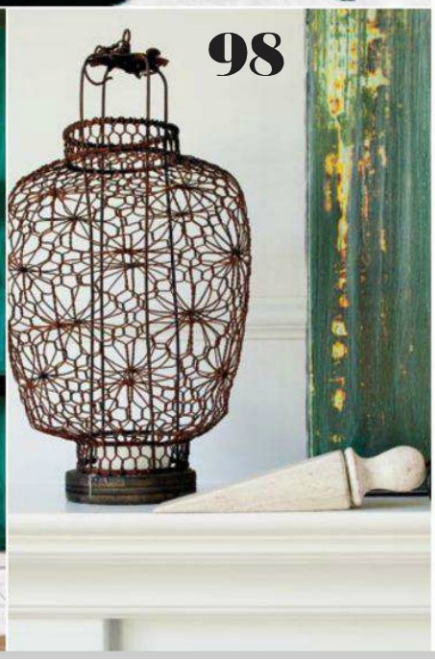

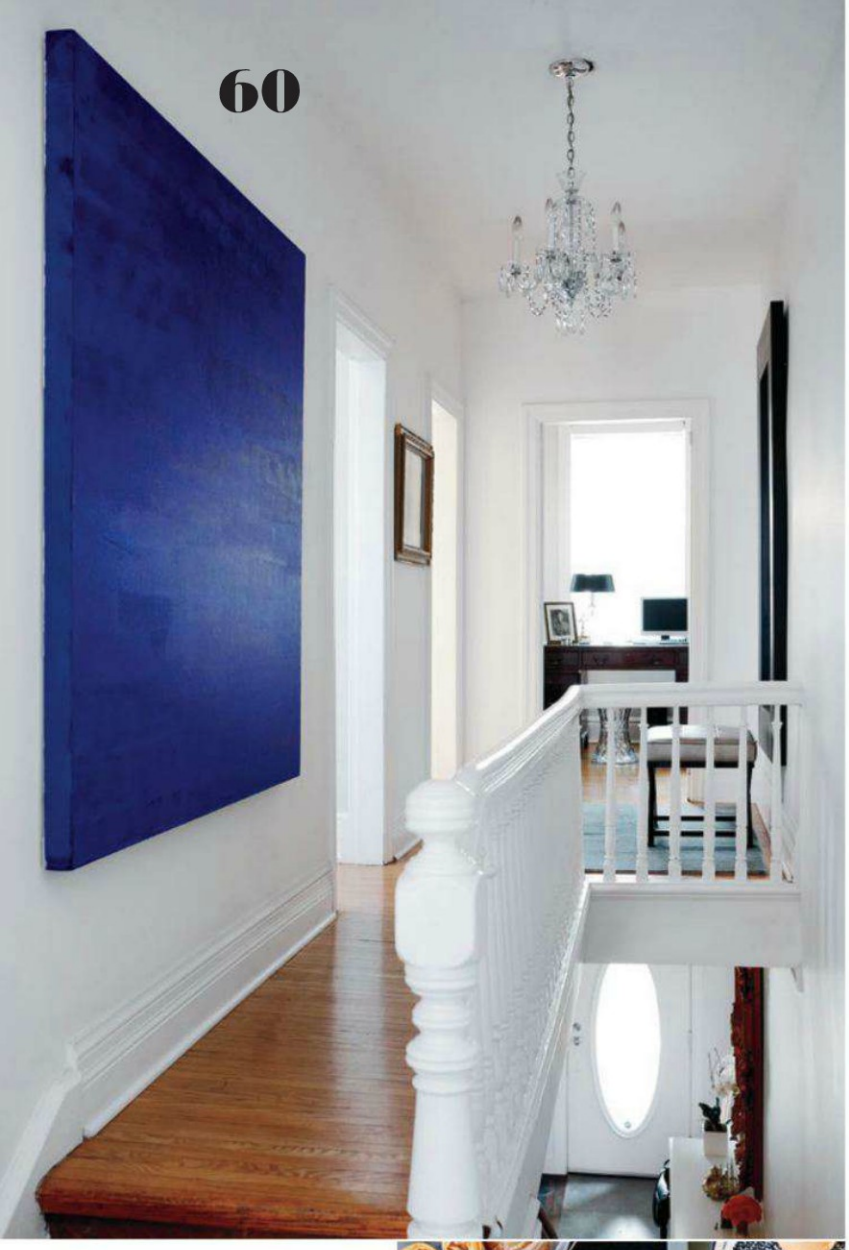

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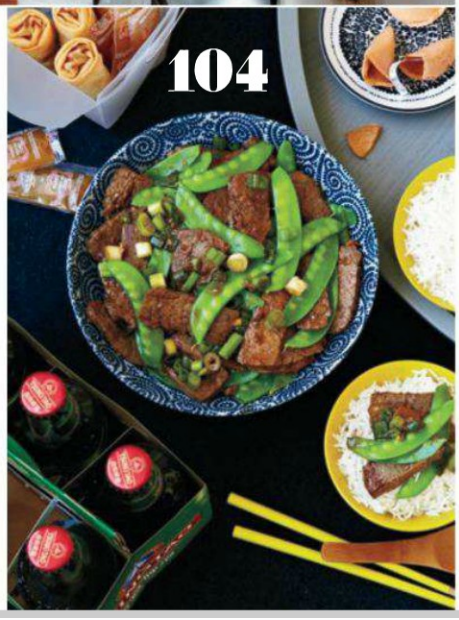

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SMOOTH MOVES

It's been more than a decade since I first met the inimitable Tony Bennett. I was interviewing him for *TV Guide Canada* magazine, and he immediately impressed me with his professionalism. Unlike celebrities who rush through interviews and provide tired sound bytes, Tony was thoughtful, well-spoken and best of all, completely unpretentious. So all these years later, when Sony Music Canada approached *Style at Home* with the idea of designing a special stage for Tony at an intimate party to celebrate the launch of his CD *Duets II*, I agreed right away. The opportunity to create a space that reflected Tony's classic style was not to be missed.

That space was easy to picture: traditional and masculine with just a hint of glam in accents of chrome and leather. I knew I'd succeeded in capturing Tony's "look" when the man himself walked onto the stage, settled into a leather tub chair and picked up the book I'd placed on the side table – *Honor Thy Father* by Gay Talese. "I love this book," he announced.

Having the confidence to decorate in a way that reflects your personal style can be a challenge, but when it works, nothing feels more at home. In this issue, there are some amazing examples of this – and interestingly, each one encompasses some of this year's decor trends. Ottawa designer Irene Langlois, for instance, has created a monochromatic scheme punctuated by hits of yellow in her own home; it's a divine atmosphere that beautifully illustrates her elegant personal style (see "Welcome Change," page 82). And in Toronto, designer Jessica Cotton helped homeowner David Barclay – you'll see him in his tailored pinstripe suit with a bright orange tie in "Fortune Favours the Bold" on page 60 – translate his characteristic look into a bold, yet comfortable home. Just like Tony, the message is confident, modern and meant to last.

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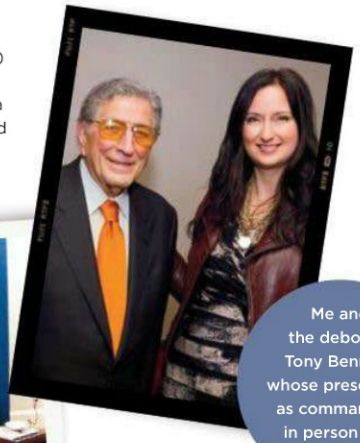
SCENE STEALER With the help of suppliers like Elte, Tiffany & Co. (a company that Tony Bennett has had a relationship with for years) and Amazon.ca (who provided all of Tony's favourite books), I was able to pull together a sophisticated set where Tony was interviewed by ET Canada. Best of all? Tony arrived, by coincidence, in a suit and tie that beautifully coordinated with the setup!



Me and the debonair Tony Bennett, whose presence is as commanding in person as it is on a CD.

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GABRIELLE NAPIER, via email

CUSTOM SOLUTIONS

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MARY ANN, via email

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JULIA SCHMALE, Oakville, Ont.

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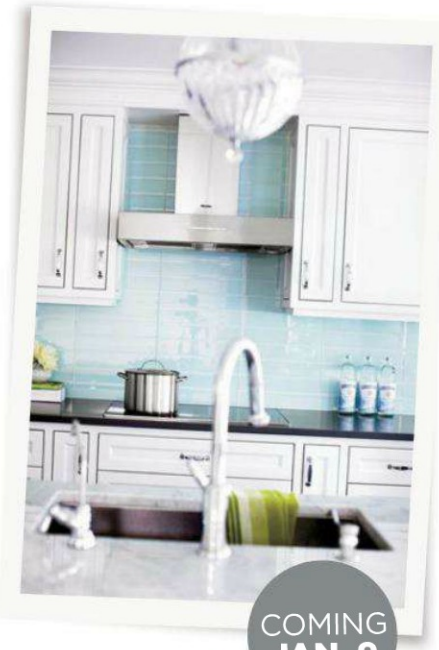

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OUR EXCLUSIVE DESIGNER KITCHENS PACKAGE, dramatic before-and-after renovations, plus we finally reveal editor-in-chief Erin McLaughlin's stunning IKEA kitchen makeover.

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A funky 1970s-inspired High+Low music room, trendspotting the British television hit *Downton Abbey*, and we introduce our new column – Dessert of the Month – with a romantic Valentine's Day theme.

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JESSICA WAKS

Catch design editor **Jessica Waks** on Citytv's *CityLine* on Dec. 20. Check your local listings for showtimes.

styleathome was there!

Editor-in-chief **Erin McLaughlin** with Andrew Metrick, great-grandson of Elte founder Léon Tenenbaum.

Editor-in-chief **Erin McLaughlin** gave an inspiring talk about decorating in the new global style to a full house at the **Elte** showroom on Oct. 26.

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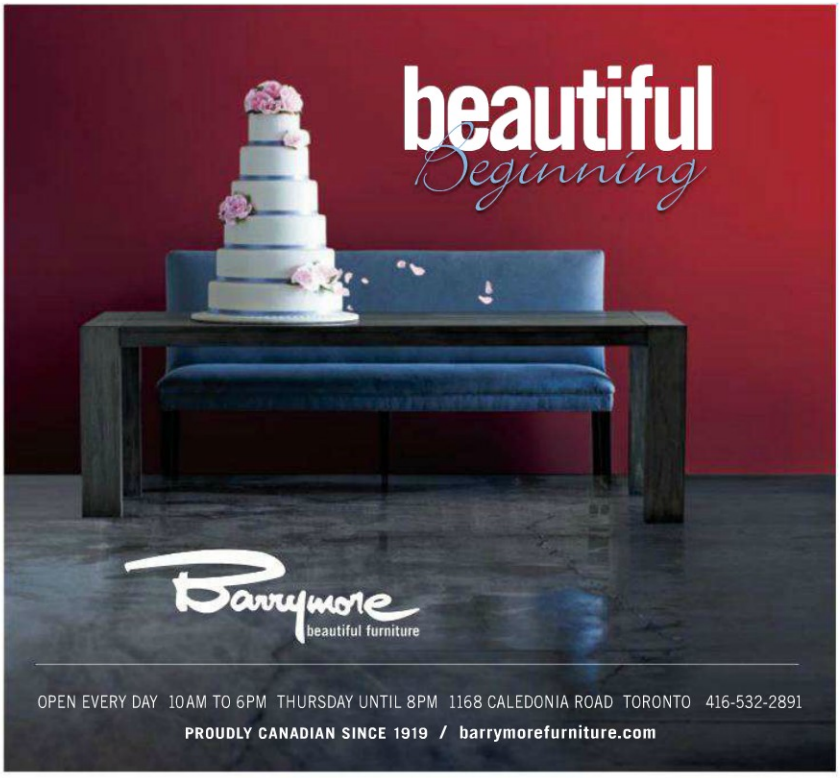
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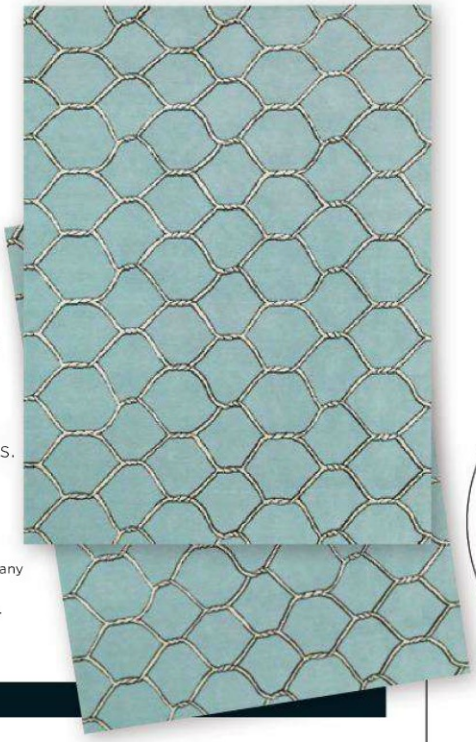
CHAIN REACTION

New from British fashion designer Giles Deacon, this line of rugs for The Rug Company balances industrial patterns with soft neutral tones. The result is warm and alluring, and we're intrigued.

Giles Deacon for The Rug Company Sentinel **RUG,** from $2,710, Avenue Road, avenue-road.com.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

McGuire Furniture's Jackson Square Collection is a line of 27 thoughtfully curated dining, lounge and occasional pieces from the company's archives, reinterpreted in lively new finishes and fabrics. The designs are timeless yet casual, featuring McGuire Furniture's signature rattan frames and rawhide bindings, as well as bamboo, caning, Danish cord and leather.

Jackson Square Collection Pemberton **ARMCHAIR** in Ebony with gold-leaf detail, $645 US, McGuire Furniture, mcguirefurniture.com.

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Alexander Girard **BOOK** by Todd Oldham and Kiera Coffee, $220, Ammo Books, ammobooks.com.

Fleet Objects Pools **STONEWARE** in White, Mint, Light Blue, Azure and Light Grey, from $16 each, Made, madedesign.ca.

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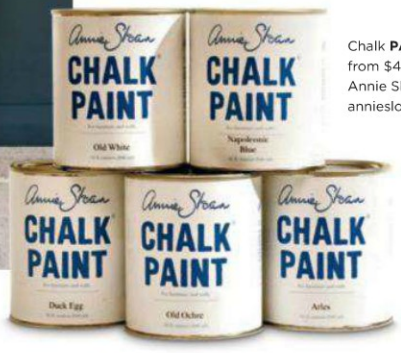

Chalk **PAINT,** from $45 per quart, Annie Sloan, anniesloan.com.

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true colours

Style at Home editors choose their favourite colour trends for 2012. Here are the top four hues we're looking forward to seeing in homes this year, shown off in paints and the latest fabrics.

Editor-in-chief **Erin McLaughlin**

Senior editor **Catherine Therrien**

Design editor **Ann Marie Favot**

Design editor **Jessica Waks**

DwellStudio Ikat Blocks **FABRIC** in Amethyst, $120 per yard, through designers, Robert Allen, robertallendesign.com.

"Amethyst is one of my favourite colours. I'm so happy to see it as a trend this year. It's such an unexpected neutral."

Kasbah AF-640, Benjamin Moore, benjaminmoore.ca.
Brassica 271, Farrow & Ball, farrow-ball.com.
Beauti-Tone Santropol FD017, Home Hardware, homehardware.ca.

Thibaut Jubilee Collection Havendale **FABRIC** in Pink, $151 per yard, through designers, Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom, kravetcanada.com.

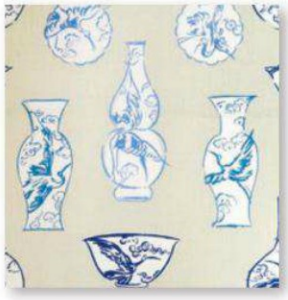
"Small doses of raspberry red can lift up a tired neutral room. I love its bright, refreshing vibe."

Beauti-Tone Cranberry SD018, Home Hardware, homehardware.ca.
Rum Punch 231-7, PPG Pittsburgh Paints, ppgpittsburghpaints.com.
Tea Dance 10YR 21/436, CIL Paints, cil.ca.

Mulberry Home Grandiflora **FABRIC** in Silver, $705 per yard, through designers, Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom, leejofa.com.

"I love blue-green hues with a cool grey cast to them. Their fresh, watery feel is ideal for a bathroom."

Martha Stewart Living Arrowroot MSL123, The Home Depot, homedepot.ca.
The Mayan Ruins P5167-44, Para Paints, para.com.
Wythe Blue HC-143, Benjamin Moore, benjaminmoore.ca.



No.9 Thompson Dynasty Collection Imperial China **FABRIC** in Starlight Blue, $170 per yard, through designers, Télio, telio.com.

"This blue reminds me of Blue Willow china. I'd use it in a glossy finish with lots of white."

Chinese Porcelain 449-6, PPG Pittsburgh Paints, ppgpittsburghpaints.com.
Dockside Stay P5008-75D, Para Paints, para.com.
Lakemont Blue 70BG 11/257, CIL Paints, cil.ca.

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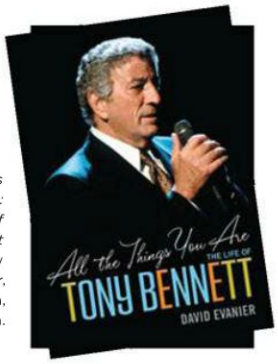
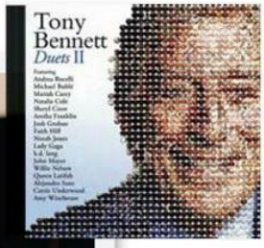
I Left My Heart in San Francisco **ILLUSTRATION** by Mandy England, 8" x 10", $18 US, Mandipidy, etsy.com/shop/mandipidy.

Tony Bennett Signature **HEADPHONES,** $150, Koss, koss.com.



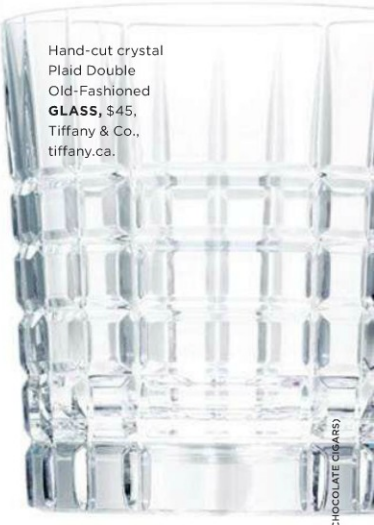
All the Things You Are: The Life of Tony Bennett **BOOK** by David Evanier, $32, Amazon, amazon.ca.



Duets II **ALBUM** by Tony Bennett, $15, Sony Music, sonymusic.ca.

STYLE AT HOME EDITOR-IN-CHIEF **ERIN MCLAUGHLIN GOT UP CLOSE** AND **PERSONAL WITH TONY BENNETT!** SHE **DESIGNED THE SET FOR** HIS TORONTO **APPEARANCE.**

Avalon **BLANKET** in Ecru/Camel, $1,295, Hermès, hermes.com.

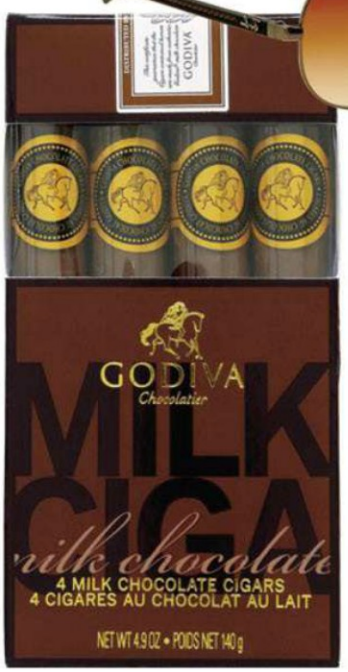


Hand-cut crystal Plaid Double Old-Fashioned **GLASS,** $45, Tiffany & Co., tiffany.ca.

TONY BENNETT

The recent Toronto visit of this music legend inspired us to look for all things smooth and sultry.

Carbon fibre Aviator **SUNGLASSES** in Gunmetal with Faded Brown lenses, $290, Ray-Ban, ray-ban.com.



Milk Chocolate **CIGARS,** $20, Godiva, godiva.com.

AEA unidirectional ribbon KU4 **MICROPHONE,** $4,250, Long & McQuade, long-mcquade.com.

Leather Tub **CHAIR,** $1,355, Elte, elte.com.

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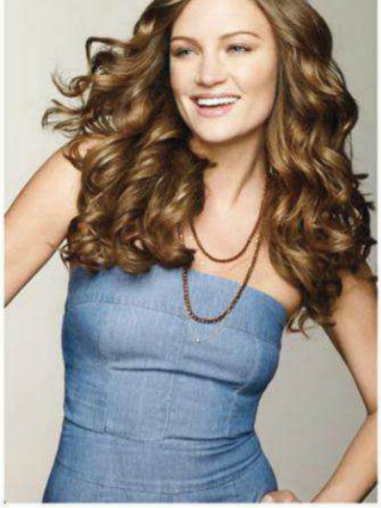

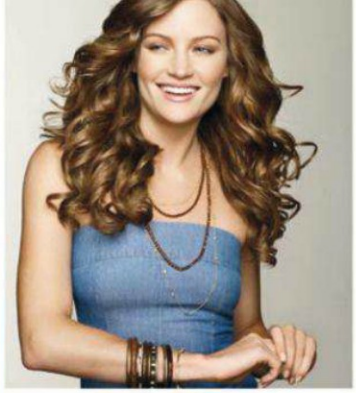

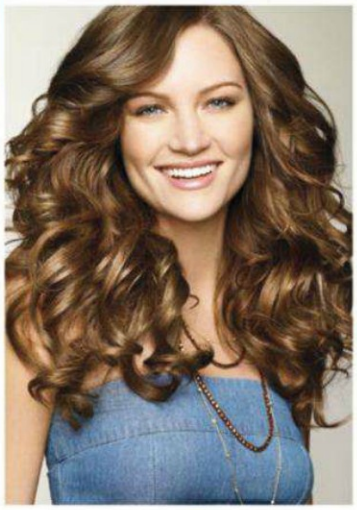

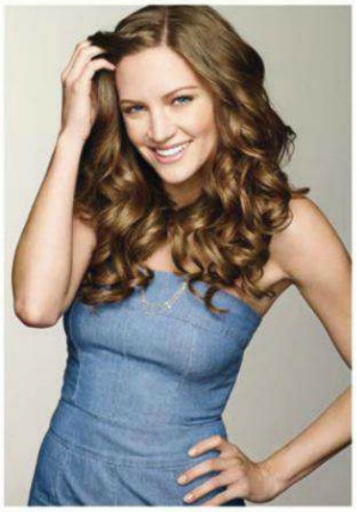

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Lincoln Hill **SOFA** in Triad Charcoal, $4,495, Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams round Lawson **END TABLE,** $695, Elte, elte.com. Collector's Classics Grace **COFFEE TABLE,** $949, Ethan Allen, ethanallen.com. Leah Low **CABINET** in Limed Oak, $2,245, Ebb Tide **RUG** in White, 8′ x 10′, $3,248, Cocoon, cocoon-furnishings.ca. Mohair **THROW** in Cream, $295, Sawyer Earthtone **TOSS CUSHION,** 20″ x 20″, $345, Elte, elte.com. Madeline Weinrib Mu **TOSS CUSHION** in Saffron, 18″ x 18″, $637, Y & Co., ycocarpet.com. Shagreen **BOX,** $125, Ribbehege & Azevedo, ribbehegeandazevedo.com. Mercury glass **TABLE LAMP** with taupe shade, $600, Art Shoppe, artshoppe.com. Silver ceramic **DECORATIVE BALLS,** 4″, $7 each, Union Lighting & Furnishings, unionlf.com. Silver Marsh Mini **DECORATIVE BALLS,** 2″, $9 each, Calvin Klein ceramic Verso **BOWL,** $275 (large), silver-plated **BOWL,** $75, Elte, elte.com. Double-width Erin **DRAPERY PANEL** with Perfect Pleat, $660 per panel, Faab Home Fashions, faabhomefashions.com. **CUSTOM FRAMING,** $525 each, Pi Fine Art, pifineart.com.

Century **SOFA** in Coal, $1,799, Shelter, shelterfurniture.ca. Round white lacquered **END TABLE,** $239, Decorium, decorium.com. Saxon **COFFEE TABLE,** $399, Bowring, bowring.com. **CABINET,** $600, HomeSense, homesense.ca. Viscose Lines **RUG** in White, 8′ x 10′, $1,995, Reznick Carpets, reznickcarpets.com. Stella **THROW** in White, $59, Urban Barn, urbanbarn.ca. Yellow-dot Usmani **TOSS CUSHION,** 18.5″ x 18.5″, $79, Jali Designs, jalidesigns.com. Thom Filicia Prospect **TOSS CUSHION** in Grey/Gold, 20″ x 20″, $135, Cooper Grey, cooper-grey.com. Shagreen **BOX** in Natural, $19 (small), West Elm, westelm.com. Glass Transitional **TABLE LAMP** with taupe cylinder shade, $210, stainless steel **DECORATIVE BALLS,** 3″, $3 each, Union Lighting & Furnishings, unionlf.com. Stoneware **BOWL,** $75 (large), Elte, elte.com. Electroplated-ceramic Spherical **BOWL,** $22, ready-to-wear linen Venice Pleat Top **DRAPERY PANEL** in White, $190 per panel, InVu Drapery Co., invudraperyco.com. **CUSTOM FRAMING,** $239 each, Pi Fine Art, pifineart.com.

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high

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low

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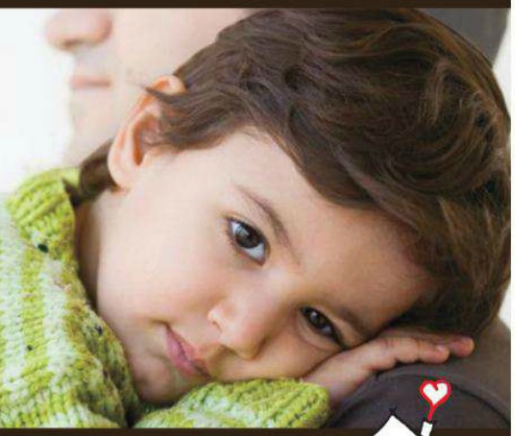

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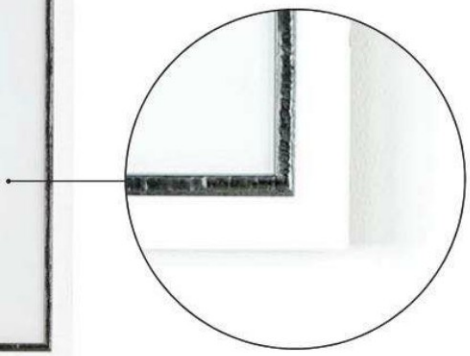
The diva is in the details. Simple white frames get gussied up with a touch of glitz in their edging.

The **HIGH** option is double-framed with a striated white lacquered outer frame and a textured pewter-coloured inner frame, and features a half-inch-thick archival mat.



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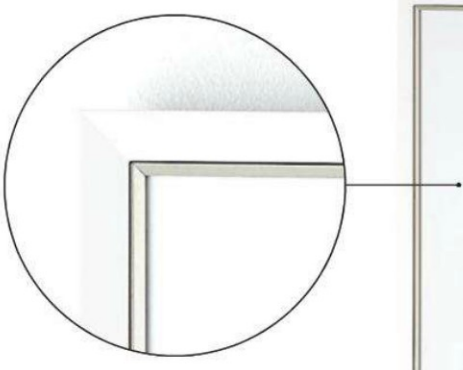
Model in Yellow Mohair **PRINT** shot by George Barkentin for *Mademoiselle*'s August 1963 issue, Condé Nast, condenaststore.com. **CUSTOM FRAMING,** $525 (high), $239 (low), Pi Fine Art, pifineart.com.



Though still elegant, the **LOW** option features less: a plain white lacquered frame with a silver accent insert and a quarter-inch-thick standard mat, demonstrating that a little goes a long way when it comes to what glitters.

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The stars of the TV show *Steven and Chris* are the go-to source for design dilemmas. This issue, the duo highlights recent trends they feel are here to stay.

Steven Sabados and **Chris Hyndman** are the hosts of the lifestyle show *Steven and Chris.* Watch them weekdays at 2 p.m. on CBC. Catch editor-in-chief **Erin McLaughlin** monthly on the show as a guest expert. If you have a design dilemma, email Steven and Chris at askstevenandchris@cbc.ca.

1

statement lighting

With so many styles available on the market, cookie-cutter light fixtures are being replaced by ones that are bold, playful and pack a personality punch. For us, bold has always been better!

2

chocolate brown

From tweed fabrics in the '40s to patterned wallpapers in the '70s and boldly painted walls in the '90s, chocolate brown is timeless. This rich shade acts as a neutral and pairs nicely with other hues.

3

salvaged finds

The distressed appearance of pieces salvaged from old buildings and barns offers plenty of charm and a sense of history to interiors. Look for originals as opposed to replicas in disguise.

SIX EVERLASTING TRENDS

4

green design

Eco-friendly home decor is more accessible than ever. Making environmentally friendly choices, including when it comes to interior design, will never go out of style.

5

industrial appliances

The clean, bold look of industrial appliances has remained *en vogue* regardless of emerging technologies and styles. They're the perfect balance of form and function.

6

global souvenirs

Objects from abroad personalize your space and lend it an eclectic look. If a small souvenir is all you have, give it added importance by placing it on a display stand or a stack of books.

1. S&C antique-brass Richmond **CHANDELIER** with cream silk scalloped shade, $437, Artcraft, artcraftlighting.com. **2.** Truffle Oil P5242-85 **PAINT,** $55 per gallon, Para Paints, para.com. **3.** Public school **CHAIR,** $150, Love the Design, lovethedesign.com. **4.** Kravet Green 29130 **FABRIC** in 516, $131 per yard, and 29124 **FABRIC** in 415, $146 per yard, Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom, kravetcanada.com. **5.** Wolf gas **RANGE,** 48", $11,999, Maroline Distributing, maroline.com. **6.** Lozi **MILK JUGS,** from $225 each, Snob, snobstuff.com.

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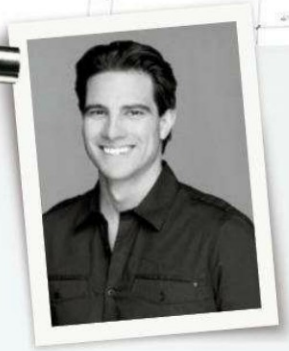


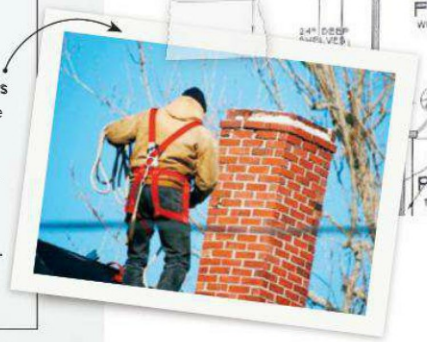
the seven year glitch

Seven years have passed since you moved into your home and, although the updates you did then are still holding strong, some wear and tear is starting to show on the original framework. Now's the time to think about the next round of repairs. **TEXT** SCOTT MCGILLIVRAY

All houses require a bit of significant maintenance about every seven years.

1 smoke signals

The roof may get most of the maintenance attention but the chimney is just as important. Since most of us don't regularly hop up on the shingles to take a look around, common problems like mortar cracks between the bricks or on the crown of the chimney can let water seep through and cause damage to your attic and ceilings over time. Remember that carbon monoxide is generated anywhere fuel is burned and if your chimney is cracked, the deadly fumes can be drawn back down into your home. If you have a wood-burning fireplace, hire a professional to inspect and clean your chimney to prevent a buildup of creosote and other combustibles that could be the cause of fires and flare-ups – especially if you use your fireplace more than three times a week in the cold weather.



2 move over mould and mildew

Do a check on the moisture levels in that bathroom you had renovated when you first moved in. If your bathtub and shower smells musty and you've noticed mildew on the ceiling and on the caulking, you've got a problem. Properly venting your room is essential, but if you suspect that water is leaking behind the tiles of the shower and around the bathtub, you need to call in an expert. A leaking bathroom could mean disaster if it's not repaired properly. Take time now to be certain everything's in order, or you'll be spending a lot more down the road.

3 hold on tight

Grab your screwdriver and spend an hour tightening cabinet hinges, bathroom knobs, drawer pulls and door handles. It means money saved and time well spent.

4 air quality advisory

If it's not in your budget to replace doors and windows, make improvements by recaulking all the seals instead. Sealing cracks properly means that moisture won't get in to do any damage. In addition, if you have a lot of condensation on your windows in the winter, turn on your bathroom fan or run a dehumidifier to remove moisture from the air. If that doesn't work, you can install an HRV unit (heat recovery ventilator). For homes with forced-air heating, the unit is connected to the heating system ductwork. The HRV will vent out your home's moist air while drawing in drier air from outside and filtering it through the house.

WHAT IT COSTS

An annual inspection of your roof and a chimney-cleaning service should cost about $150, but will pay for itself down the road by giving you advance notice of any needed repairs.

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If evidence of moisture in your bathroom is just a result of poor venting and air circulation, you could get off easy by replacing your existing fan with a higher-power version for less than $100. If you have to take out walls and tiles, however, and fix structural issues, the cost will shoot up sharply.

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For new homes, an HRV unit will cost anywhere from $1,000 to $3,000. If it keeps moisture at bay, though, you've bought your home a lifesaver.

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Scott McGillivray is the host of HGTV's *Income Property*. Catch all-new episodes back to back Thursdays at 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on HGTV.

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THE LOOK

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PENDANT LIGHT, Universal Lamp, greatlighting.com; **CHAIRS, COFFEE TABLE, CONSOLE, TABLE LAMPS, RUG,** Elte, elte.com; red **BOX,** Ethan Allen, ethanallen.com; woven **BASKETS,** West Elm, westelm.com.

the living room

PRODUCER CHRISTINE HANLON | **TEXT** LAUREN FLANAGAN
PHOTOGRAPHY MICHAEL GRAYDON

MODERN boho

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the bedroom

A PAINTERLY WALLPAPER TAKES ON AN ARTFUL APPEARANCE WHEN FRAMED IN RED-PAINTED MOULDING.

Thibaut Spring Lake Collection Birdcage **WALLPAPER** in White, through designers, Crown Wallpaper & Fabrics, crownwallpaper.com.

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CHRISTINE HANLON, CONTRIBUTING DESIGN EDITOR

AN EXOTIC CHEST ADDS CULTURAL FLAIR. NOTE THE OTHER GLOBAL ELEMENTS IN THE ROOM, FROM THE PAGODA-SHAPED PENDANT LIGHT TO THE CHINOISERIE WALLPAPER AND THE MOROCCAN STOOL AT THE FOOT OF THE BED.

LAMPS, CHEST, BEDSKIRT, Elte, elte.com.

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Second Life **RUG, STOOL,** Elte, elte.com; **PENDANT LIGHT,** Universal Lamp, greatlighting.com.

THE PALETTE

A look at the evolution of Christine's design.

THE STARTING POINT

A chinoiserie wallpaper featuring a tropical punch of hues inspired the colour choices for both spaces.

Thibaut Great Estates Collection Marco Polo **WALLPAPER** in White, $81 per roll, through designers, Crown Wallpaper & Fabrics, crownwallpaper.com.

THE COLOUR SCHEME

Juicy brights like cherry red, highlighter yellow and oceanic turquoise combine to create a cheerful palette.

Beauti-Tone Cranberry SD018 **PAINT,** from $27 per gallon, Home Hardware, homehardware.ca.

THE ACCESSORY SELECTION

Accessories in a fusion of decorative styles, such as these intricately embroidered toss cushions, are linked together by their colours.

Birgit Linje **TOSS CUSHION,** $20, IKEA, ikea.ca; embroidered Half-Moon **TOSS CUSHION,** $45, Pier 1 Imports, pier1.ca.

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THE ELEMENTS

Lively mismatched patterns, a mix of materials and eclectic accessories define this folksy style, which, at its heart, is carefree and fun.

PLAYFUL PATTERNS

Pattern is essential to the modern boho look. It adds personality and contributes to that folksy, handmade vibe. Look for fashionable awning stripes, cheeky polka dots, sprightly rural florals and patchwork prints, as well as ethnic textiles with historic designs, such as ikat and kilim.

TOSS CUSHIONS (FROM LEFT) Alvine Flora, IKEA, ikea.ca; embroidered Half-Moon, Pier 1 Imports, pier1.ca; red print, Elte, elte.com.

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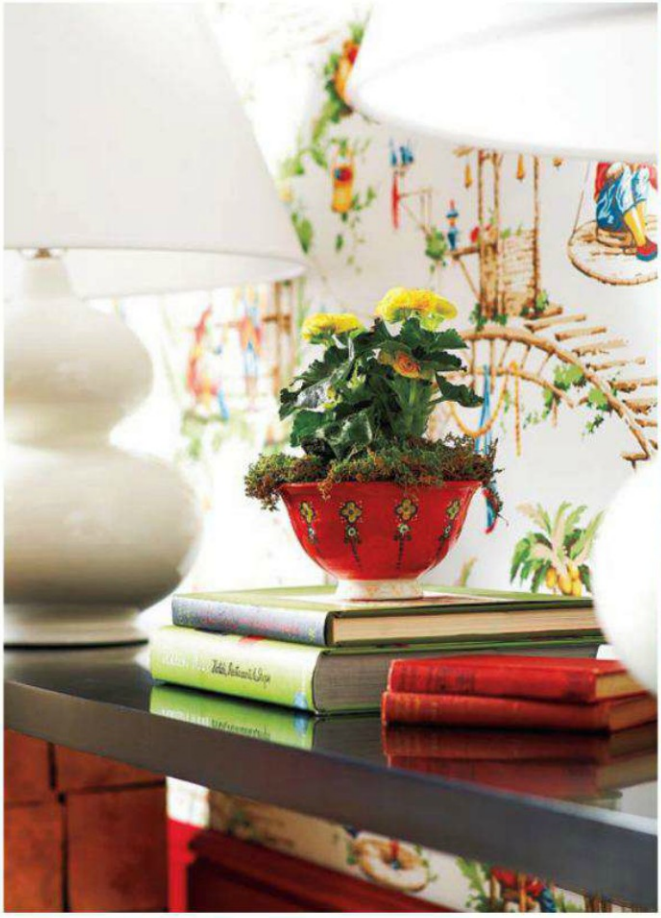

LAYERING PATTERNS OFFERS PLENTY OF DEPTH. ALTERNATE SMALL- AND LARGE-SCALE PATTERNS TO ACHIEVE THE RIGHT BALANCE.

Yellow-striped **DUVET & SHAM,** West Elm, westelm.com; red-striped **COVERLET,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

MIX OF MATERIALS

For furniture and accessories, choose a combination of materials and finishes, such as glass, wood, ceramic, lacquer, leather and wool, to add depth and fullness to the look.

GOBLETS, NAPKINS, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com; **SALAD SERVERS,** HomeSense, homesense.ca; silver **JAR,** Elte, elte.com.

MUST-HAVE ACCESSORIES

Modern boho is all about the accessories. Keep it real by choosing objects that you love and pieces that tell a story about you. "Look for unique, non-disposable pieces that you'll cherish for a long time," says Christine.

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Homeowner David Barclay and designer Jessica Cotton of Jessica Cotton Design love the new family room in David's Toronto home.

OPPOSITE Eclectic, yes, but somehow a fuchsia piggy bank and a replica of one of China's famous Terracotta Warriors come together in one cohesive entryway vignette.

DESIGN, Jessica Cotton Design, jessicacottondesign.com; **BOOKSHELF,** Umbra; Areaware **PIGGY BANK,** 1212 Decor.

Fortune favours THE BOLD

For his daring – even audacious – design style that blends the old, the new and the unexpected, bachelor and entrepreneur David Barclay makes no apologies. (Not that he needs to.)

TEXT LESLEY YOUNG | **PHOTOGRAPHY** STACEY BRANDFORD | **STYLING** CHRISTINE HANLON

Porno
IRVINE WELSH

Self-described "serial entrepreneur" David Barclay derives great pleasure from exercising his right to individualized style. To wit: placing a gold-plated Philippe Starck AK-47-style gun lamp in the bay window of his 1,900-square-foot Victorian brownstone in Toronto's west end. "It's a great way to subtly show people outside what's happening, in terms of style, inside," says the founder of Stolen Riches, a new men's designer shoelace company.

In our opinion, nothing about David, including his home and the gun lamp – which is on an automatic timer and has passersby leaving notes inquiring where they can get one – is subtle.

Given David's love of loud modern art and avant-garde accessories, he was surprised to discover that he also had a penchant for picking ornate antiques when he embarked on renovating and designing this home more than four years ago. "I made up mood boards and my style became abundantly clear: a mix of modern, Victorian and Baroque," he says. Plus, there were a few major heirloom pieces that he just couldn't let go of when he sold his family home before buying this one.

But incorporating all this "old" into the "new" contemporary bones laid out in the renovation, from the modern high-gloss all-white kitchen to the sleek panelling that was installed to separate major living areas, presented a bit of a challenge. Enter designer Jessica Cotton and design associate Becky Domin of Jessica Cotton Design, who took David's split style personality and somehow made it work. "This combination makes

ABOVE A bright pink painting by Montreal-based artist Antoine Jouet somehow doesn't compete with the sassy Union Jack rug in the family room – perhaps because both are vibrant graphics that grab the eye.

RUG, wool **TOSS CUSHIONS,** Elte; Tolomeo Mega **FLOOR LAMP,** Mille Luce Designs, **SIDE TABLES,** Stylegarage.

LEFT At first, David wanted to pair the ornate gilded mirror with a sleek pendant light that was entirely silver, but Jessica convinced him that anything more than a simple silver lining would look too "Liberace."

Gilded **MIRROR, DRESSING TABLE,** Of Things Past; **PADDLES,** Contact Voyaging; **PENDANT LIGHT,** Universal Lamp.

RIGHT A testament to David's traditional aesthetic, the office space, filled with relics from his past, provides a diversion from the big, bold eclectic mix that's displayed in almost every other room.

A large stunning blue canvas (painted by David himself) is an almost effortless way to bring simple impact to an otherwise unadorned hallway.

"We call it a Rock & Republic-meets-Ben Sherman look."

JESSICA COTTON, DESIGNER

LEFT Family treasures and favourite antiques make bold statements in the living room, but nothing compares to the gold-plated Philippe Starck gun lamp, which makes even fuchsia toss cushions look masculine.

Philippe Starck gold-plated gun **LAMP,** Plan B; **SOFA,** G.H. Johnson's Trading Co.; Bergère **CHAIRS,** Chair Source; **CHAIR FABRIC,** Maharam; **COFFEE TABLE, RUG,** Elte; **DRAPERY,** Restoration Hardware.

RIGHT Two antique portraits of Barclay seniors juxtapose the ultra-sleek kitchen. "Since these portraits are so traditional, they needed to go into a room with lots of modern elements," says Jessica.

BELOW Old and new work like yin and yang in the dining room: a modern black crushed-glass chandelier counters the heirloom dining room furniture (with chairs reupholstered in an attention-grabbing fabric).

Areaware silver **PIGGY BANK,** 1212 Decor; Second Life turquoise **RUG,** Elte; **CHAIR FABRIC,** Primavera; black crushed-recycled-glass **PENDANT LIGHT,** Ridgely Studio Works.

perfect sense because it epitomizes his character: cheeky and regal," says Jessica.

"Usually I design by taking into consideration how one piece speaks to another. Not so in David's space – he chooses items that stand out all on their own," she says. Since all of David's design elements came in extra large and extra bold – we're talking a floor-to-ceiling black-tiled powder room, an oversized Union Jack rug and even black-and-white flocked velvet wallpaper! – the key to pulling together the over-the-top statements (whether old or new) was an astute layering of styles. For instance, the kitchen's antiquated oil-on-canvas family portraits counter the sleek modernity of the white lacquered island and polished aluminum chairs, the stateliness of the hallway's high-contrast Baroque-style wallpaper is foiled by a fuchsia piggy bank and the living room's traditional wall panelling, drapery and furnishings are tempered by the gold-plated gun lamp. "David makes a bold statement when he dresses and I wanted to incorporate that into the house as well," says Jessica.

David didn't trade function for fashion in his design vision. Instead, he reserved the "functional" rooms for the rear of the house, asking for partitions between the formal (dining room, living room) and the informal (kitchen, family room) areas. "I suppose it's a very Victorian notion that guests are entertained in the front while the kids (and, specifically, their toys) generally stay in the back. But it's something I wanted," says David. And, of course, he makes no apologies for that...nor any other expression of his very individualized – and smashing – style.

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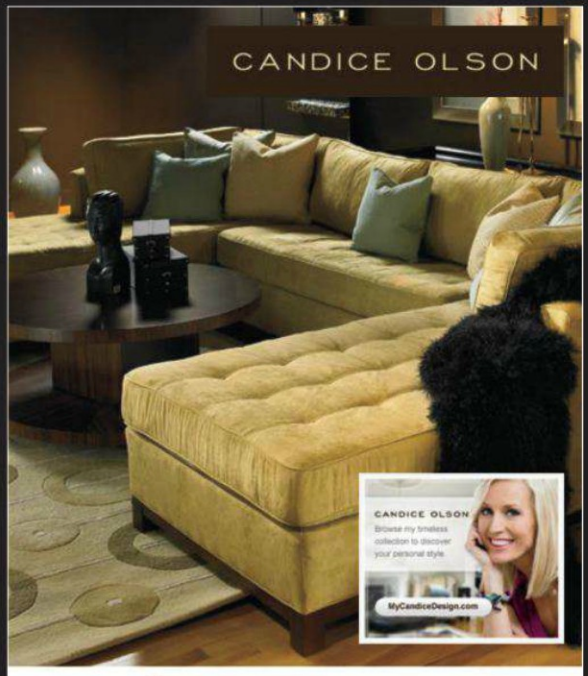

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Gone are the days of the merely functional and hidden away *salle de bain*. Here are eight of the hottest bathroom trends that are sure to pick up steam in 2012!

This bathroom exemplifies two of our favourite new trends: classic subway tiles in a bold, glossy hue and applying tiles to every square inch of wall space.

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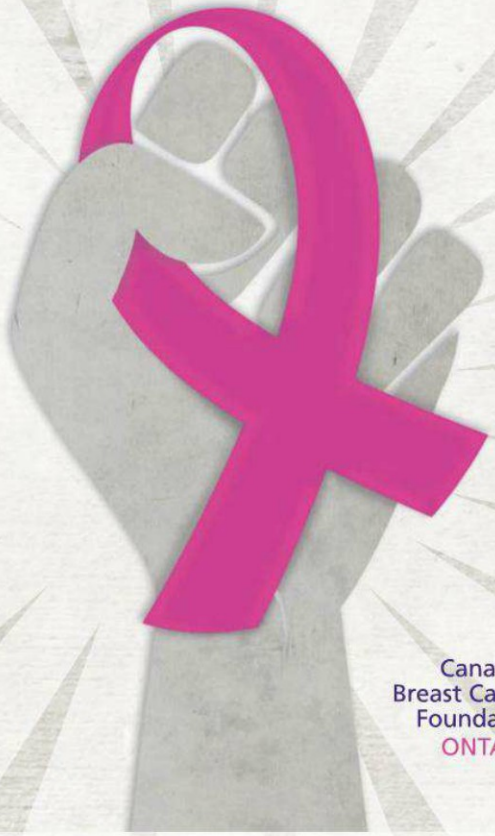

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1 technicolour **TILES**

Forget neutral palettes and subtle hues – this year, basic subway tiles are going bold in solid hits of bright, retro colour. Not for the faint of heart, this trend looks best when paired with stark white finishes. Try using it in a small area as a decorative backsplash or, if you're feeling really gutsy, we love the idea of using it floor to ceiling!

staying **AFLOAT**

Sometimes less is more. Wall-mounted and super sleek in design, a floating sink takes up less visual space and is the ideal solution for bathrooms with limited square footage. The refined look is simple enough to work with most decor styles and comes in a variety of fine finishes. You'll be happy to have the extra room for your slipper-covered feet on sleepy mornings!

FLOATING SINK with bracket system and blackened mirror decorative trim, $3,125 (as shown), Wetstyle, wetstyle.ca.

3 set in **STONE**

Nothing says elegance like polished marble. The soft colours, opulent veining and classic bevelling of this stunning line of accessories make it an easy way to infuse some timeless glamour and sophistication into your decor. Both functional and beautiful, we're betting that natural stone accessories will rule the bathroom this year.

Waterworks Studio Luna polished marble **ACCESSORIES,** from $45 US each, Waterworks, waterworks.com.

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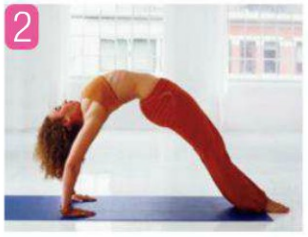
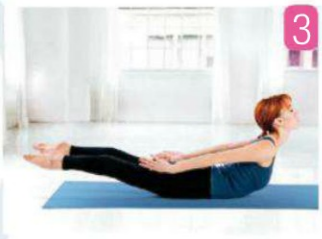
Plank – The queen of core exercises. Start on hands and knees and lower your pelvis toward the ground until your shoulders are in a straight line with your knees. Pull your navel to your spine and come up onto your toes. Breathe and count to 30 before lowering back down.

Bridge with Leg Raise Targeting the glutes, abs and lower back muscles. Lying on your back with knees bent, squeeze your glutes to press your pelvis off the ground. Keep your abs engaged and relax your shoulders. Extend one leg until straight and squeeze your inner thighs together. Count to 10; switch legs.





Back Extensions for exquisite posture. Lying on your front, stretch out your arms to your sides. Pull shoulder blades together, then press the backs of your hands up to the ceiling. As you do this, slide your shoulder blades down your back and if you can, raise your chest off the floor. Remember to keep your core engaged the whole time and keep your neck neutral.

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4 byzantine BATHING

The traditional Turkish bath has made its way into the modern spa scene and now you can bring an element of the experience home. Known for its super-absorbency and distinct tasselling, Turkish bath towels – also referred to as *pestemals* – are subtly chic, whether hanging in an Istanbul *hamam* or a master ensuite.

Honeycomb tassel **HAND TOWELS** in Horseradish, Midnight and Slate, $10 each, West Elm, westelm.com.

5 feather your NEST

Moving away from geometric and graphic prints, this cheerful avian-motif shower curtain is the perfect dose of playful femininity. Subtle and sweet, the bird theme has really taken flight, showing up on runways and in home decor. Pops of red and yellow and a delicate ruffled trim give this shower curtain just enough country charm, without looking too dated or kitschy.

Chaffinch **SHOWER CURTAIN**, $138, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com.

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Moen brushed nickel Bamboo **FAUCET,** $825, Lowe's, lowes.ca.

6 nature **INSPIRED**

The move to more natural and organic forms isn't just for fabrics and furniture. Modelled on shoots of bamboo, this collection of fixtures brings the outdoors in. Its subtle detailing and warm grey metallic finish create a serene atmosphere in the bathroom, evoking a peaceful exotic spa retreat.

7 a work of **ART**

Bathtubs continue to get reinvented thanks to customizable options from companies like Montreal-based Wetstyle. Innovative tone-on-tone motifs dress up the exterior surface of the tub, transforming it into a showpiece for your bathroom. Available in four worldly designs (Earth, Water, Floral and Calligraphy), the understated matte motifs can be applied to a number of luxurious free-standing high-gloss tubs. Your bath will look as good on the outside as it can make you feel on the inside!

BC03 **BATHTUB** with Image-in motif in Water, from $6,500, Wetstyle, wetstyle.ca.

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8 shining **SIMPLICITY**

Lighting is one of the most important elements of a bathroom, and this vintage-inspired wall sconce makes the perfect bold statement. With the rising popularity of industrial style comes the need for lighting that exudes the utilitarian look, but doesn't fail to create a mood. The warm brass finish and ribbed glass of this fixture keep it from feeling too cold or factory-like, while still providing enough light for a task-oriented area like the bathroom vanity.

Ribbed Glass Filament **SCONCE,** $149 US, Restoration Hardware, restorationhardware.com.

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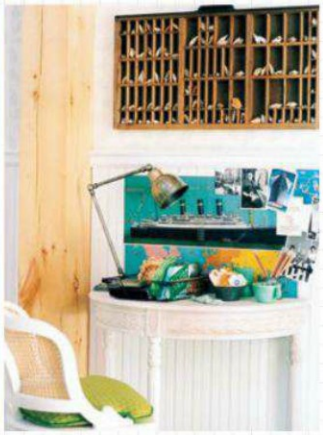


< *in the* OFFICE

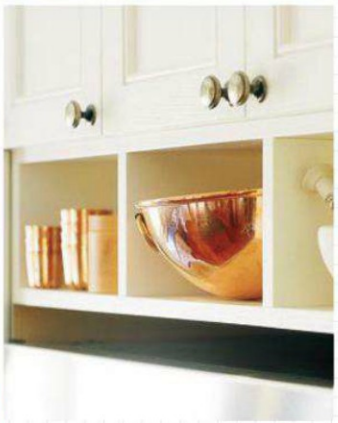
Reinventing basic objects is an efficient and effective way to organize your home office. For instance, empty food cans wrapped in colourful paper instantly become eye-catching catch-alls for art, craft and office supplies; a toast rack turned stationery holder makes greeting cards easy to find and creates a pretty desktop accessory. Avoid boring utilitarian office storage solutions and instead use an eclectic mix of teacups, bowls and wire baskets to wrangle paperwork and miscellaneous objects – not only does it create order in a small office but it also gives a one-of-a-kind look to your space.

^ *in the* LIVING ROOM

Bookcases and shelving units are an ideal way to display the many different objects you've collected over the years. To create a cohesive look, group together items in the same colourway – here we've stuck to various shades of blue. Incorporate decorative boxes to hide small electronics and random knick-knacks. Out of wall space? Layer in framed family photos and pieces of art for an added personal touch.

v *in the* KITCHEN

Found at flea markets and craft supply stores, inexpensive metal pin flower frogs make perfect holders for recipe cards and reminders. Free up valuable drawer space by corralling everyday utensils in counter-worthy pieces like mustard crocks and tulip-shaped sundae glasses. Open shelving and a rod to hang pots and pans keep kitchen essentials within easy reach and allow you to have designated spots for all your wares.



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Rolanda J. Johnson, Ph.D is a Senior Scientist at P&G Beauty, responsible for working with dermatologists, clinicians, and other scientists to research and report on the latest and emerging skin science and technologies that have applications for consumer products. She has a deep understanding of women's hair and skin concerns.

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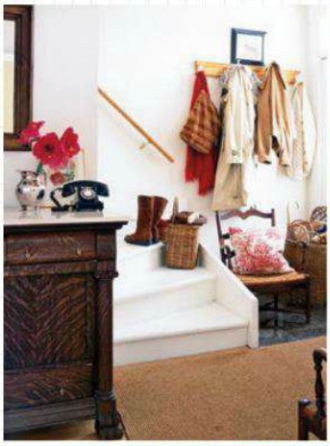
Always read and follow the label

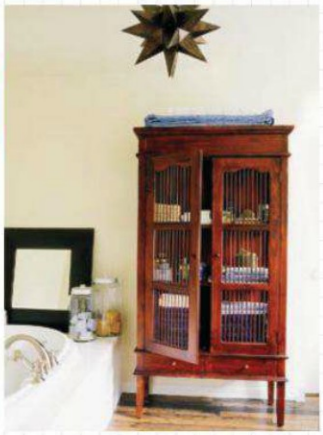
∧ *in the* BEDROOM

Before buying another storage system, think about using the space you already have – like an expanse of wall. A collection of similar items, such as these cute fabric tote bags, has graphic appeal when hung together on a wall. Arrange the items in an asymmetrical pattern and hang them with thumbtacks or push-pins. This keeps everything in a single, easy-to-access spot – and the display doubles as a fun art piece.

∨ *in the* ENTRYWAY

Wicker baskets are a tried-and-true organizing solution, and along with standard hooks, they're the workhorses of the entryway. Baskets of different colours, shapes and sizes help to keep like items together, such as hats, scarves and umbrellas, and indicate which ones belong to each family member. On a console, a stack of cake stands serves as a mail tray, while a framed blackboard is a handy reminder of errands and appointments.





< *in the* BATHROOM

A farmhouse-style wire basket is a stylishly unexpected holding place for extra hand towels and other necessities, which proves especially useful in bathrooms without under-sink storage. Repurpose all those mini soaps, shampoos and lotions you've collected on your travels by using them as a decorative element; simply fill up a few vintage glass jars and sit them along a shelf. If you have the room, include a beautiful armoire to act as additional storage and to add character!

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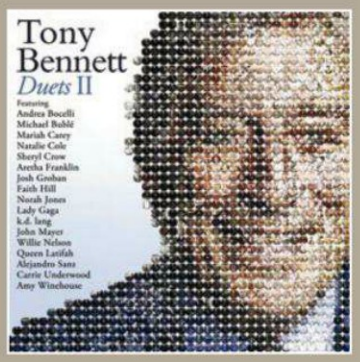

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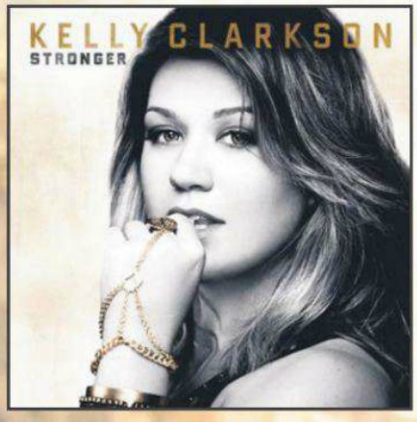

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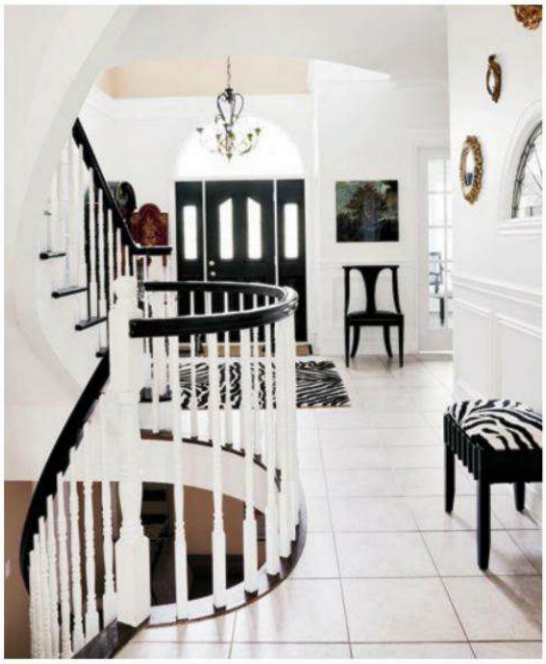
Only the best-quality antiques are sacrosanct to designer Irene Langlois (shown at right) – everything else is ripe for revisioning. This traditional wing chair once sported red paisley fabric and mahogany legs, but now boasts microfibre fabric, white lacquered legs and nailhead detailing carried up the arms and around the back.

DESIGN, Irene Langlois Interiors, irenelanglois.com; **WING CHAIR,** Michael Thomas; **WING CHAIR FABRIC,** Maxwell Fabrics; demi-lune **TABLE**, Bombay; **MIRROR,** HomeSense.

BOTTOM RIGHT
To make a white room less boring, Irene's favourite trick is to incorporate contrast. She's done plenty of that in the predominantly white front hall, from the zebra-print rug and bench to the black handrailing, front door and occasional chair.

ARTWORK, Peter Hoffer.



WELCOME CHANGE

Irene Langlois isn't afraid of change. It's even part of her trademark: a fresh look rooted in the classics but with a bit of sass, and a little wink that says have fun with this, take a risk, mix things up. The Ottawa designer shows us how she created a timeless yet trendy interior by staying true to her style.

TEXT KATHLEEN DORE | **PHOTOGRAPHY** DONNA GRIFFITH | **STYLING** MARGOT AUSTIN

An eclectic wall display is united by framing (either black, gold or a combo of the two) and creates a focal point on the light grey wall in the living room. Sunny yellow – a colour Irene is using quite a bit right now – loosens up the classic black-and-white setting. As for the 20-year-old William Birch sofa: Irene muses that she'll reupholster it again one day and maybe lose the skirt to show off its tapered legs.

Yellow **THROW,** Crate and Barrel; **SIDE TABLE,** Bombay; **FLOOR LAMP,** Thomasville.

SIGNATURE STYLE

WHITE – AND LOTS OF IT – BALANCED WITH A HIGH-CONTRAST COLOUR.

SIGNATURE STYLE

ROOMS ENVELOPED IN ELEGANCE VIA ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS.

Traditional doesn't mean time warp. That's easy to see from a peek inside the Ottawa home of Irene Langlois. The designer's signature style is rooted in tradition (fine architectural details and sophisticated furnishings), but her secret to keeping classic contemporary is to enliven timeless elements with a judicious but confident application of the day's top trends.

"I guess you could call it 'new traditional,'" says Irene. "I like to mix it up, so traditional as well as a little eclectic." This mix can translate to Irene's approach to colour – high-contrast combinations that are current but also neutral enough to stand the test of time and form a perfect backdrop for jolts of trendy hues – and furniture pairings like the modern leather-and-chrome stool and ornate chinoiserie secretary that make a statement in her front hall.

That dash of the unexpected is to be expected in Irene's interior designs. In her kitchen, for instance, groove-panelled white cabinetry and a double-ogee-edged cream travertine countertop are undeniably über-traditional. The surprise is a sunburst mirror flanked by super-sleek sconces on a wall of marble over the cooktop. It's a masterful style punch of the sort Irene loves to throw and it really packs a wallop.

The principal rooms used to feature warm tones like caramel and red, but as the house evolved – decorating is all about initiating change for Irene – she began to lighten the palette. "I've been embracing greys and cooler tones, and I really wanted to bring it into the

SIGNATURE STYLE
ECLECTIC FURNITURE PAIRINGS.

LEFT The secretary (moved from the living room) is "a little unexpected and dramatic," says Irene; it's a feature that showcases her traditional-meets-contemporary style right at the front door. "I put the leather-and-chrome stool underneath it for a bit of an eclectic feel. Mixing periods and styles makes it interesting," says Irene.

ABOVE The dining table is an antique that Irene loves for its classic lines. She gave it a coat of black lacquer and topped it with a mirror to take it from fine to fabulous.

VASE, BOWL, DECANTERS, Elte; **ARTWORK,** Barbara Gamble.

TOP "Panelling takes a room to the next level, adding lots of visual interest," says Irene of the dining room. It can even make a small space look bigger, she says. The vignette of artwork, a gilt-framed mirror and an empty frame was actually intentional. "I've had that mirror for many years. It was hanging on the wall in the living room, so it was a little more traditional," says Irene. "By bringing the mirror into the dining room and leaning it on the floor, it feels less formal, but still elegant and dramatic, which I like." Call it evolution!

Irene took advantage of the almost 10-foot-high ceilings in the family room to add architectural interest with a coffered ceiling. Its strong grid pattern is contrasted by the circular forms on the mirror and on the mantel. "It wasn't planned," says Irene. "Just a happy amalgamation of geometry." She furnished the room for the whole family to enjoy (although she and her husband's three children have since flown the nest). It had to be comfortable and practical, hence the plush sofa, distressed leather armchairs and tufted black ottoman.

SOFA, Bernhardt; cowhide **RUG,** Sunland Home; **OBJETS** (on mantel), HomeSense.

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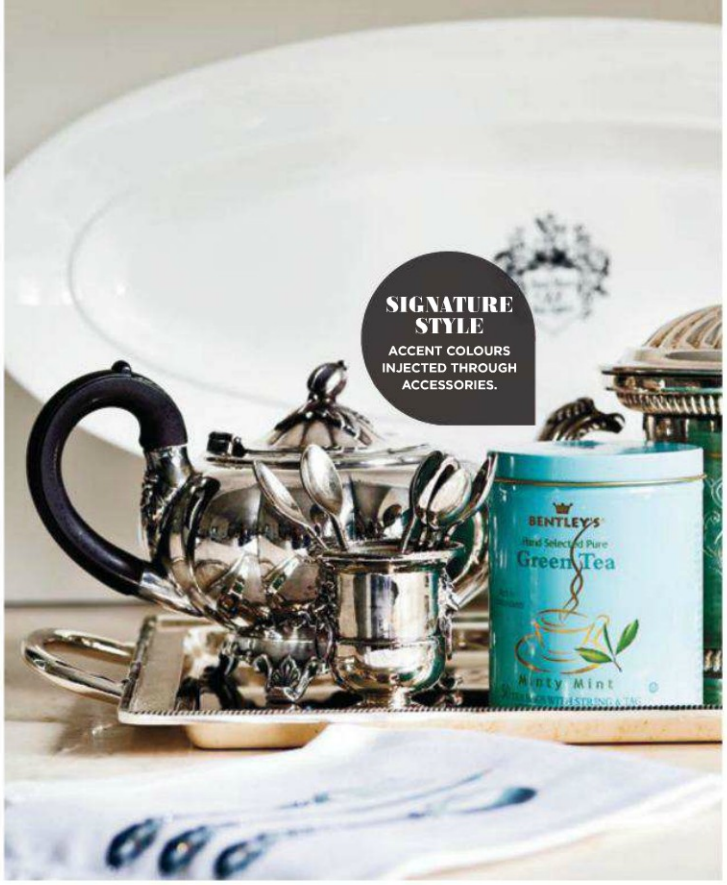

OPPOSITE Irene loves to update a traditional interior with contemporary light fixtures. The pendants and wall sconces aren't afterthoughts – they're intentional design details, she says. High-gloss dark floors are a glamorous contrast for the light cabinetry and finishes. Creamy travertine marble countertops were installed years ago, so in order to introduce the cooler grey colours she was using elsewhere in the house, Irene tiled the wall above the downdraft cooktop in statuario marble tiles. "There's a little bit of the cream that runs through them, so they blend well together," she says.

Monroe **WALL SCONCES,** Hudson Valley Lighting; **PENDANTS,** The Home Depot; Sophie Conran for Portmeirion **TABLEWARE** in Celadon, The Bay.

LEFT "Pale blue is such a pretty, fresh shade," says Irene of the accent colour she's applied throughout the kitchen. As for the antique silver teapot, she uses it every single day. Now that's functional style!

BOTTOM LEFT A glimmer of silver adds a sophisticated note to classic plants pots, which are offset by a modern chef-style faucet – Irene's favourite at the moment. She squared the countertop edging along the perimeter for a contemporary feel, and only dressed the island with the double-ogee edge. The room would have felt too fussy otherwise.

kitchen, which felt a little disconnected," says the designer, who likes to apply a light palette throughout a home to promote flow.

So she incorporated a backsplash of primarily grey-veined statuario marble tiles that boosted the kitchen's glamour factor and forged the desired connection with the rest of the home, where bright, white-based rooms now predominate. "As a designer, I've gone through many colours of paint on these walls, and my current favourite is white," says Irene. "It lends a contemporary feel." But always remember, she advises, that white needs contrast, "otherwise it will seem boring, like something you forgot about."

Black is her favourite antidote. Whether it's a glossy black handrail or fashionable zebra-print rug, Irene loves the classic dynamic duo of white and black (or chocolate brown, a delicious variation) and its ability to build visual tension in a modern way. It also welcomes new must-have hues like aqua in the kitchen or yellow in the living room.

To achieve an interior that's both timeless and trendy, you have to be willing to change it. "Change doesn't mean that everything should get thrown out and you need to start over again," she says. "It means you start with the classic pieces and let them evolve. People are dynamic, we change, we grow, we get exposed to different things, and so your environment should do the same."

That's really what defines Irene's style and results in compelling, multi-note compositions. In her world, a room is never "done." It evolves. That's what keeps it current, relevant and – besides that – it makes decorating way more fun.

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Irene went for drama in the master bedroom with a tall tufted headboard in a dark rich chocolate velvet, along with bold striped toss cushions and a matching bedskirt. Pale blue-grey walls and overscale damask patterned drapes soften the "masculine" feel and add to the luxury, as do the plush creamy white carpet, bevelled floor mirror and crystal chandelier.

Headboard **UPHOLSTERY,** Baldwins Furniture.

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EQUAL DOSES OF FEMININE AND MASCULINE TOUCHES.

SIGNATURE STYLE

KEY FURNITURE PIECES IN NEUTRAL COLOURS AND CLASSIC SHAPES.

BELOW "I love having that vanity," says Irene, of the glass-topped table she squeezed into a corner of the ensuite. Silver and glass accessories and perfume bottles, even a little classic-inspired bust of beauty, bring femininity to the space.

BOTTOM Porcelain tile with black marble inserts and border fashion a classic pattern underfoot in the master ensuite. The room is big enough for a free-standing vanity table and a transparent armchair. "This chair was a wonderful way to bring a modern element to a very traditional-looking table," says Irene. The accent table next to the shower was a find at a big-box retailer. "It's been in many, many different spots throughout my house, and it currently works really well in that nook," she says. "It's in your sightline as you enter into the bathroom so it's a nice little vignette."

ARMCHAIR, Mikaza Home.

PRODUCERS JESSICA WAKS & MARGOT UNDERDOWN
TEXT HEATHER CAMLOT
PHOTOGRAPHY STACEY BRANDFORD

trending NOW

If designer Anne Hepfer's vision had its own Twitter feed, you'd see that #malachite, #snake-skin, #chinoiserie and #hexagons are what it's all about this year. Here's how she stays *en vogue* by boldly executing fresh updates on classic styles to über-glamorous results.

THEN **marble** NOW **malachite**

There's no question about it – marble, with its sleek surface and subtle striations, is stunning. But consider a dose of malachite instead and what was once quiet now makes a strong statement that's emerald in colour with distinct banding.

As a lover of minerals and semi-precious stones, designer Anne Hepfer wanted the tiny entryway of this Toronto home to make a memorable first impression. "We didn't have room for a lot of furniture or accessories, so a dramatic wall treatment was the perfect answer," she explains. The edgy and unexpected hand-finished faux malachite walls provide that wow factor. "The homeowners and I wanted to make a statement, so we went bold and luxurious – and fun!" We bet that everyone who walks through the front door will be green with envy.

DESIGN, Anne Hepfer Designs, annehepfer.com; **CONSOLE,** Dragon Heir; **SCONCES,** Primavera.

gem of wisdom

With bands that range from emerald to evergreen, malachite fascinated iconic American designer Tony Duquette, who went so far as to hand-paint a malachite fabric, which he used throughout his own home. The fabric has been reproduced by Jim Thompson Fabrics, available through Télio.

Toronto designer Anne Hepfer of Anne Hepfer Designs.

▲ Gold-plated Malachite **TOWEL RING,** price upon request, Sherle Wagner, sherlewagner.com.

▲ Jim Thompson Tony Duquette Collection Gemstone **FABRIC** in Emerald, $205 per yard, through designers, Télio, telio.com.

▼ Cactus Berry **NAPKIN RING** in Malachite, from $55 US, Dransfield and Ross, dransfieldandross.com.

▶ Strada **SOAP DISPENSER** in Malachite, from $137 US, Dransfield and Ross, dransfieldandross.com.

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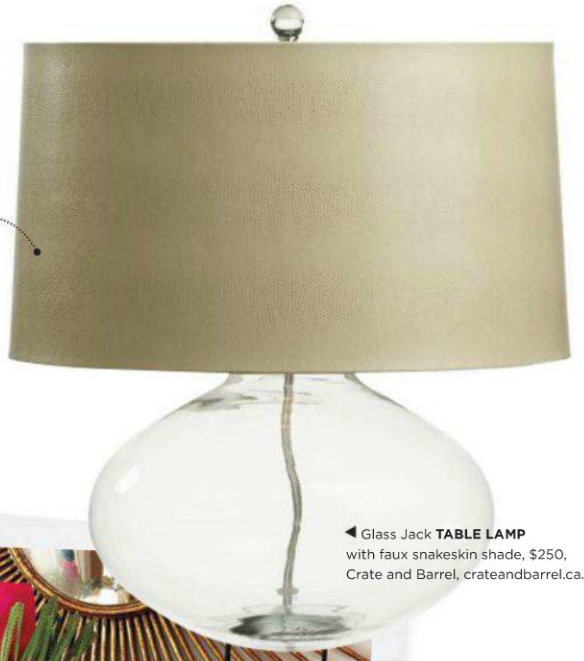
real or faux

Real snakeskin is very durable: it's pliable, it's waterproof and it weathers well. The less expensive faux version is usually delivered as an embossed vinyl – it may feel a little different but it still has a bold tactile effect.



◀ Glass Jack **TABLE LAMP** with faux snakeskin shade, $250, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.ca.

▶ **OPPOSITE** Osborne & Little Komodo Collection Cobra **WALLPAPER** in Gold/Black, $77 per roll, through designers, Primavera, primavera.ca.

▶ Royal Python **TRAYS,** from $30 US each, Two's Company, twoscompany.com.

▲ Jean **BEDSIDE TABLE** with faux snakeskin doors, $1,995 US, Jayson Home, jaysonhome.com.

THEN **mammal** NOW **reptile**

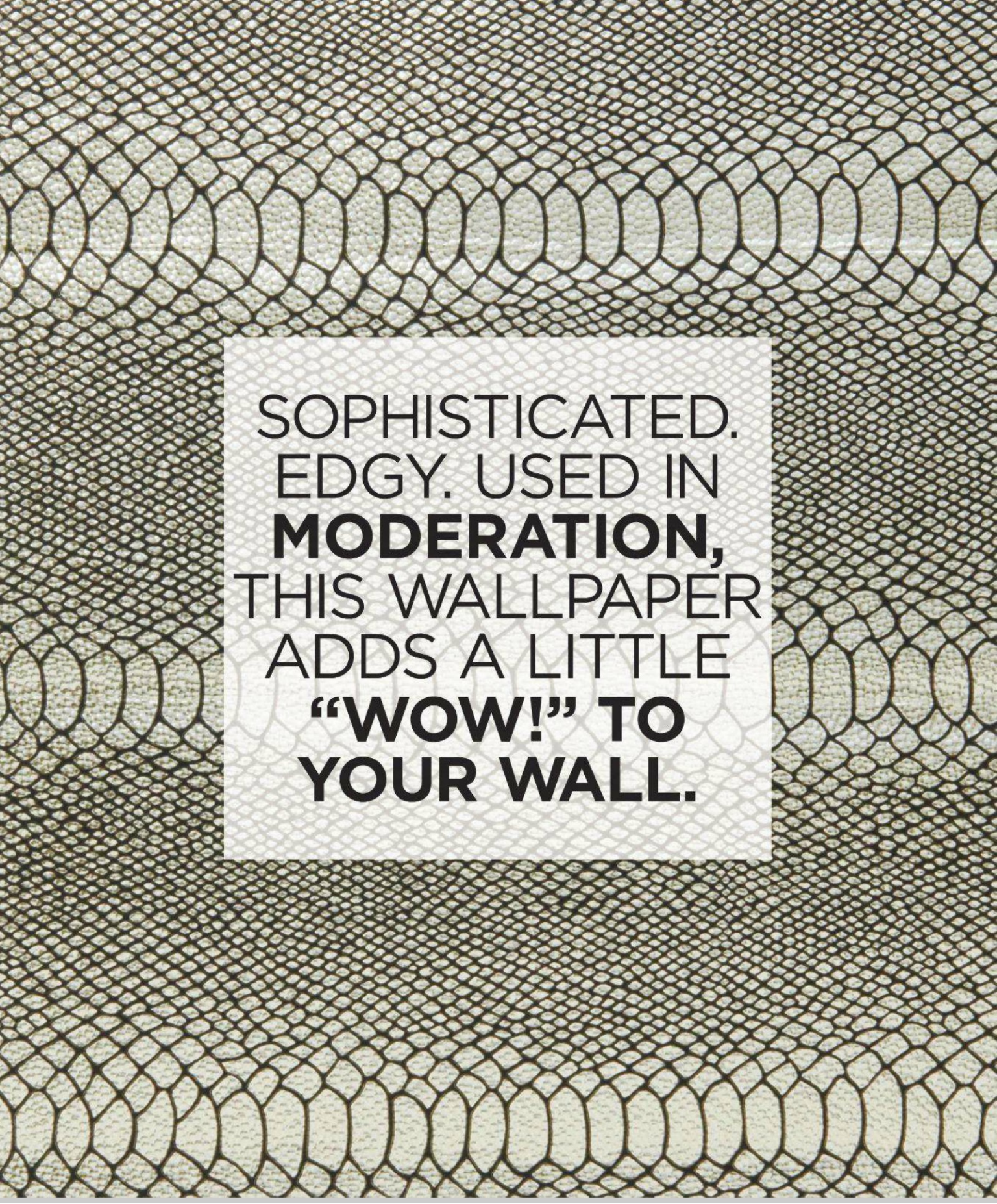
Animal prints remain a hot commodity in the fashion and decor worlds, but graphic leopard, cheetah and zebra prints are being chased out this year by textured reptilian skins like cobra, boa, crocodile and lizard.

"We're seeing a lot of python on the runways, too," notes Anne. "These skins create a beautiful tactile element, which is enhanced when layered with metals like gilt, bronze and nickel."

At first glance, the console that sits at the foot of the stairs (shown at left) looks like it has a stained-wood finish, but subtle interest is introduced through its snakeskin-like texture, and is amplified by the smooth, sleek surfaces of the console's polished hardware and the starburst mirror above.

CONSOLE, BOX, R&Y Augousti.

Love snakeskin? Find more ways to incorporate this look at home, **STYLEATHOME.COM/SNAKESKIN.**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history repeats

The earliest decorative applications of chinoiserie appeared in the 17th and 18th centuries in Europe, where monarchs like France's Louis XV celebrated the style for its similarity to Rococo.

THEN **moroccan** NOW **chinoiserie**

Move over, Morocco! China's now dominating even *you*! (In decor, anyway.) Marrakesh-inspired rich magentas, moorish motifs and mosaics are being replaced by the oceanic blues, ornate trelliswork and iconic pagodas of Beijing, returning to a style that already reached one heyday in Europe more than three centuries ago: chinoiserie.

There are hits throughout this whole home but it's the guest bedroom in which the trend truly stands out, with a 1950s pagoda-style outdoor metal canopy, green foo dogs – traditional guardian relics – that flank the bed, a high-gloss lacquered mirror and the ornate trelliswork on the chest (shown opposite).

While the homeowners have always been drawn to Asian antiques and collectables, it was the designer who recognized the elements of colour and whimsy that chinoiserie would bring.

▲ No.9 Thompson Dynasty Collection Enter the Dragons **FABRIC** in Antique Blue, $192 per yard, through designers, Télio, telio.com.

Dragon **LAMP**, $695 US, Jonathan Adler, jonathanadler.com.

◀ Fans **JEWELLERY BOX** in Teal, $50, Pier 1 Imports, pier1.ca.

▲ Dorothy Draper for Kindel Furniture Yumi **COCKTAIL TABLE,** $4,900 US, 1212 Decor, 1212decor.com.

THEN **polka dots** NOW **hexagons**

Prints are charming, but the trend toward hexagons is a little more hip than yesterday's sweet polka dots. They're perfect for this bathroom that's full of funk rather than cuteness. "Anne wanted the bathroom to feel like a New York City apartment," says the homeowner. "I think this wallpaper accomplished that! It's really bold, but the way we're using it – floor-to-ceiling on all four walls – is amazing!" To counter the impact of the graphic paper, Anne chose a solid black vanity, a simple black-and-gold mirror and pops of pink in the hand towel and the potted azalea. It's important to offset such a bold pattern with understated accents to really let the room shine.

Cole & Son Hicks' Hexagon **WALLPAPER,** Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; **MIRROR,** Anne Hepfer Designs.

let's talk about hex!

When British designer David Hicks couldn't find what he was looking for, he designed it himself: the honeycomb motif. Shown below as a wallpaper in a striking colour combination, it's emblematic of the decorator and, though created in the 1960s, remains just as stylish today.

Porcelain Cadiz **LAMP** with silk shade, $481 US, Bungalow5, bungalow5.com.

Hönefoss **MIRRORS,** $20 per set of 10 (5 pieces each in 2 shades, only one shown here), IKEA, ikea.ca.

▶ **OPPOSITE** DwellStudio Ikat Trellis **FABRIC** in Citrine, $46 per yard, through designers, Robert Allen, robertallendesign.com.

Lacquer Hexagon **TRAY** in White, $175 US, Jonathan Adler, jonathanadler.com.

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BOY(ISH) MEETS GIRL(Y)

In this Vancouver home, light feminine touches mixed with strong masculine accents add up to a balanced aesthetic that simply says, Welcome.

TEXT BETHANY LYTTLE
PHOTOGRAPHY BARRY CALHOUN

"I don't like an overly pretty house," says designer Kelly Deck. "It always looks as if a woman has taken over. Men should be able to live in their homes without making good-natured jokes about all the girly swirls and flourishes." Instead, Kelly aims for a balance between feminine and masculine elements in the homes she decorates, considering everything from the furnishings and fabrics to the millwork and countertop finishes, right down to the objects she places on the fireplace mantel. So when Kelly set out to design this 2,600-square-foot, three-bedroom home in Vancouver's Mount Pleasant neighbourhood, she executed her gender-neutral approach from the inside out, achieving a timeless look that ties the rustic to the elegant with a touch of inspiration from France.

Just look at the architectural details indoors: subtle vertical panelling is pure feminine haute couture, hinting at a romantic Parisian apartment, while the herringbone-patterned hardwood floors throughout the first level allude to men's tweed suiting. This well-calculated mix also extends to the furniture pairings. Kelly combined hard edges with soft curves, as well as slender shapes

In the Paris-inspired living room, a boxy sofa and urn-shaped table lamps keep the space from feeling fussy. Slipper chairs, upholstered in a blue zebra print, provide visual movement and add a feminine curve.

DESIGN, Kelly Deck Design, kellydeck.com; Placid CL3231W **WALL PAINT,** General Paint; **COFFEE TABLE,** Moe's Home Collection; **RUG,** East India Carpets; **TOSS CUSHIONS,** The Cross Decor & Design; Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams **SOFA,** Once a Tree Furniture; silk **DRAPERY FABRIC,** Robert Allen.

OPPOSITE Simple displays, such as this rustic wire lantern paired with a wooden doorstop, create some interest without all the clutter.

Wire **LANTERN,** Peking Lounge.

In the family room, designer Kelly Deck went with custom built-ins for storage. "Without built-ins, people tend to buy armoires. Nobody needs one more bulky rectangle in their house," she says.

SOFA, FLOOR LAMP, IKEA; **RUG,** Tivoli **COFFEE TABLE,** Pottery Barn.

with bulky silhouettes. Ultimately, everything falls somewhere on the spectrum between really guy-friendly and decidedly gal-ish. For example, the living room's rustic coffee table, with its industrial-chic aesthetic, is balanced by soft blue-grey silk drapery, cascading elegantly from the 10-foot-high ceiling to the floor. The curvy slipper chairs? Feminine. A boxy sofa? Manly, for sure. But all together, the look is well-curated and casual.

"Pair your very tall and spindly floor lamp with a couple of bulky hand-worked table lamps, like I did in the living room, and you'll suddenly notice that the objects look better as a result." In the family room, Kelly did the same with the accent chairs, placing a sleek, sculptural Mid-Century Modern chair kitty-corner to a chunky wooden stool. And the dining room's statement piece, a lacey-looking chandelier, is at once both feminine and masculine with its

"TO GIVE A ROOM CHARACTER, IT'S IMPORTANT TO TAKE A FEW RISKS."

KELLY DECK, DESIGNER

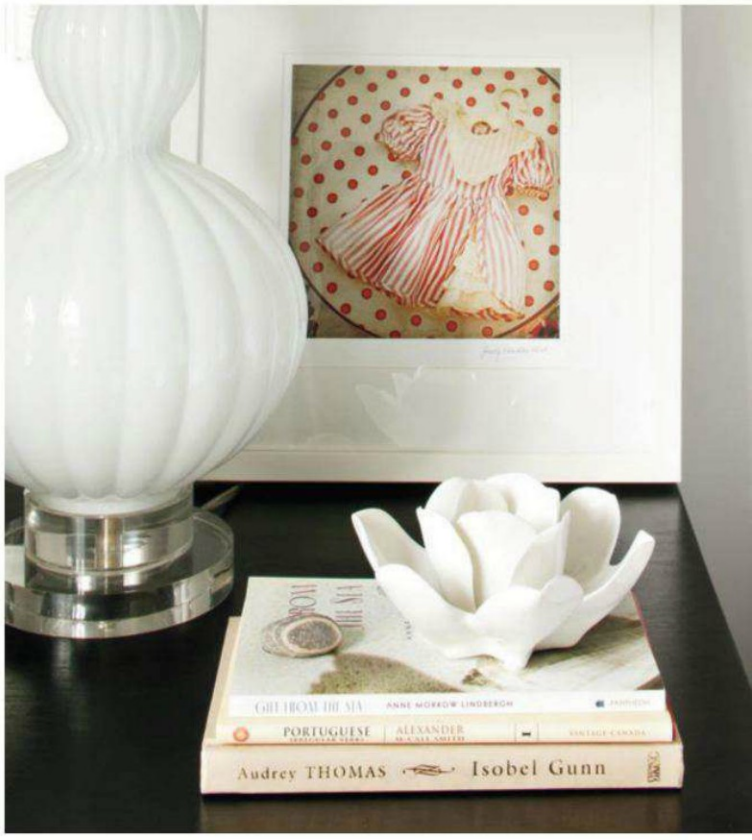
ABOVE Cubbies serve as distinct places to create vignettes of meaningful items, such as framed postcards and favourite books.

RIGHT A simple dining table is surrounded by chairs with clean lines. Overhead, a beaded black chandelier adds an ornate touch of Parisian style. "Crystal would have been so predictable," says Kelly.

DINING TABLE, IKEA; **DINING CHAIRS,** Real Canadian Superstore.

The kitchen's soft grey perimeter creates a gentle frame for the bold navy blue island at its centre. The upper cabinets, extended all the way to the ceiling, offer lots more storage, and who doesn't want that?

Tax Day CL3097N **ISLAND PAINT,** Tinman CL3232W **CABINETRY PAINT,** General Paint; Bianco Carrara marble **ISLAND TOP,** Marble Art Canada; **COUNTERTOP,** Caesarstone; **BACKSPLASH TILE** in Pussy Willow Grey, Creekside Tile; Tom Dixon **PENDANTS,** Inform Interiors; **DRINK DISPENSER,** Pottery Barn; **FAUCET,** Aquabrass; **STOOLS,** IKEA.



delicacy countered by its bold black colour. Again, the dining table and chairs are sturdy and practical, but the brushed-nickel hardware on the room's pocket doors is the exquisite jewellery that adds a hit of sparkle.

For a masculine edge that packs a softer punch than black, Kelly used navy blue. It grounds girly all-white spaces and often appears in surprising places: on the blocky kitchen island, for example, as well as the exterior of a reclaimed antique clawfoot tub in the master bathroom. "When you pair soft greys and whites with navy instead of black, you activate the space," says Kelly. "While black is typically used to anchor a room, navy achieves the same, but as a chromatic hue, giving spaces a customized look and real personality." Put differently: Navy blue is one part practical and one part expressive – a triumphant testament to Kelly's chica-meets-chico design approach.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The reclaimed tub was completely reglazed and the exterior finished in navy blue, turning it into a statement piece that echoes the other punches of navy throughout the house; "Lean a print against a wall to create an instant vignette anywhere," says Kelly, referring to the white bedside display that's romantic yet sleek; to keep the master bathroom from seeming like an afterthought, Kelly applied her code of contrast, pairing simple Shaker-style cabinetry with super-glam chandeliers.

TEALIGHT HOLDER, pink dress **PRINT,** Arteriors Bonham 3L **CHANDELIERS,** The Cross Decor & Design; Coventry Gray HC-169 **VANITY PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; glass **CANISTERS,** Pottery Barn; Memoirs **FAUCETS,** Kohler.

"BEING TIMID RARELY PAYS OFF WHEN YOU'RE DECORATING A ROOM. BE BOLD AND DON'T LOOK BACK."

KELLY DECK, DESIGNER

In the shabby-chic, French Country-style bedroom, the tailored look of the headboard and pinstriped Euro shams contrasts the feminine damask-print pillow and the ornate beaded coverlet. Kelly placed a distressed, rustic bench at the foot of the bed to add a bit more "shabby" to this chic room.

Winter White OC-21 **WALL PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; Millennium **HEADBOARD,** Van Gogh Designs; Maxwell Fabrics Thistle **EURO SHAM FABRIC** in Flint, Ikat Damask **LUMBAR PILLOW FABRIC** in Pewter, Robert Allen; **BEDDING,** Pottery Barn; **BENCH, TABLE LAMP,** The Cross Decor & Design.

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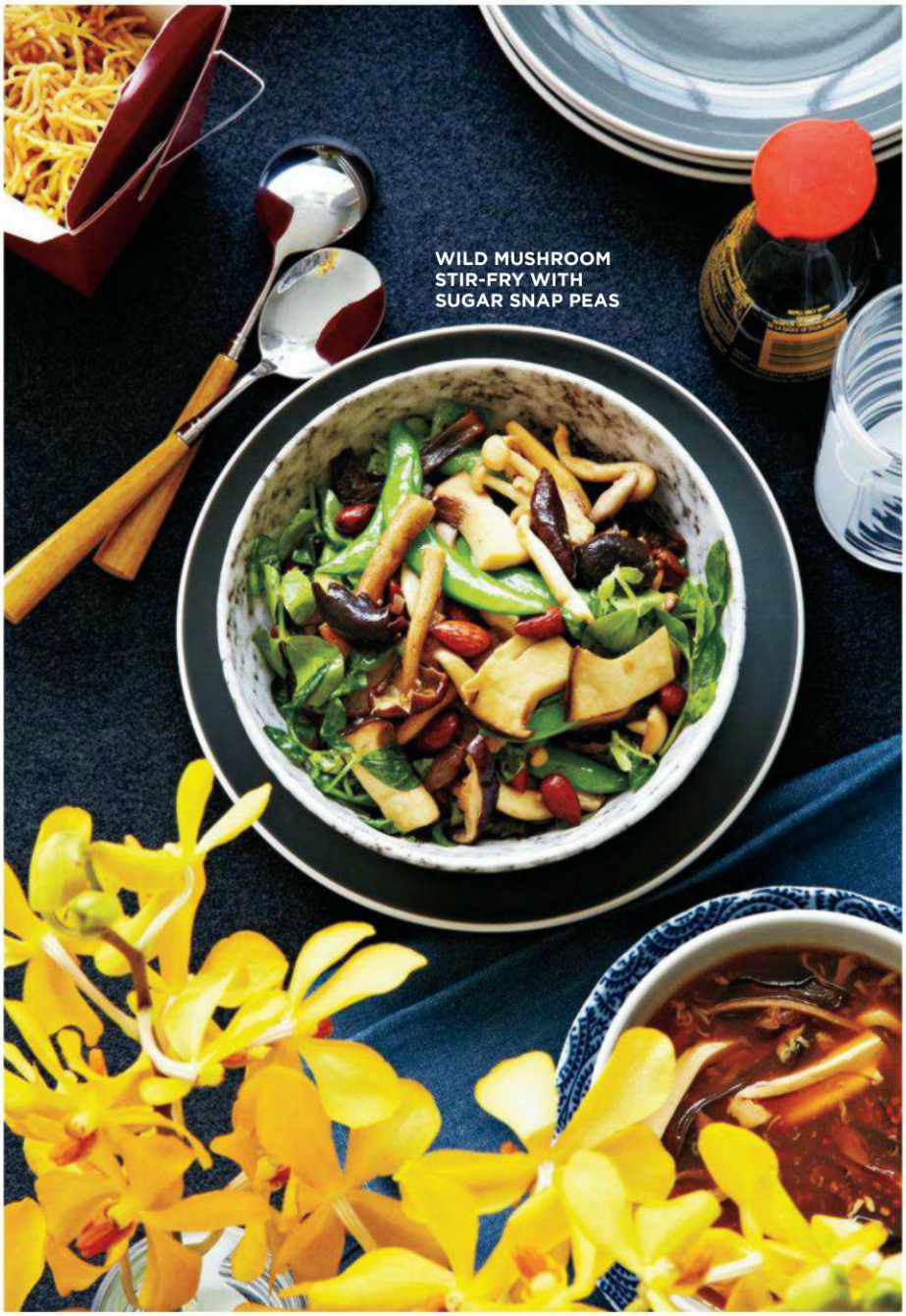
Round out your favourite takeout meal on a blustery winter night with these fast and easy go-to recipes infused with freshness, flair and full-on flavour.

GINGER SCALLION BEEF
WITH OYSTER SAUCE

Nothing can compare to walking into your home on a blustery winter night and being greeted by the aroma of garlic and onion sizzling away in a frying pan on the stove. But having the energy to cook doesn't always come easily in the dark days of January, so takeout menus often become the fall-back meal planners, which means faster food, yes, but far less comfort. Here, we offer the best of both worlds – pick up delicious standbys like egg rolls and noodles from your local restaurant, then make a few veggie-filled favourites at home and at your leisure. Think of it as a special delivery of happiness.



GINGER SCALLION BEEF WITH OYSTER SAUCE

SERVES 4 TO 6

1½ lbs flank steak, trimmed
1 tbsp minced garlic
2 tbsp minced fresh ginger
2 tbsp mirin
1 tbsp sesame oil
1 tbsp vegetable oil
7 oz snow peas, strings removed
4 green onions, sliced ¼" thick
¼ cup oyster sauce
1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
2 tbsp sake

Cut the flank steak in half lengthwise into 2 long pieces, then cut across the grain into thin slices. In a large bowl, stir together the garlic, ginger and mirin. Add the flank steak, toss to coat and let marinate for 20 minutes.

Heat the oils over medium-high heat in a wok or large sauté pan. Working in 2 batches, sear the beef slices until no longer pink, add the snow peas and continue to cook until bright green, about 2 minutes. Add the onions, oyster sauce, soy sauce and sake and cook for 2 minutes more, until the beef and vegetables are saucy and hot. Serve.

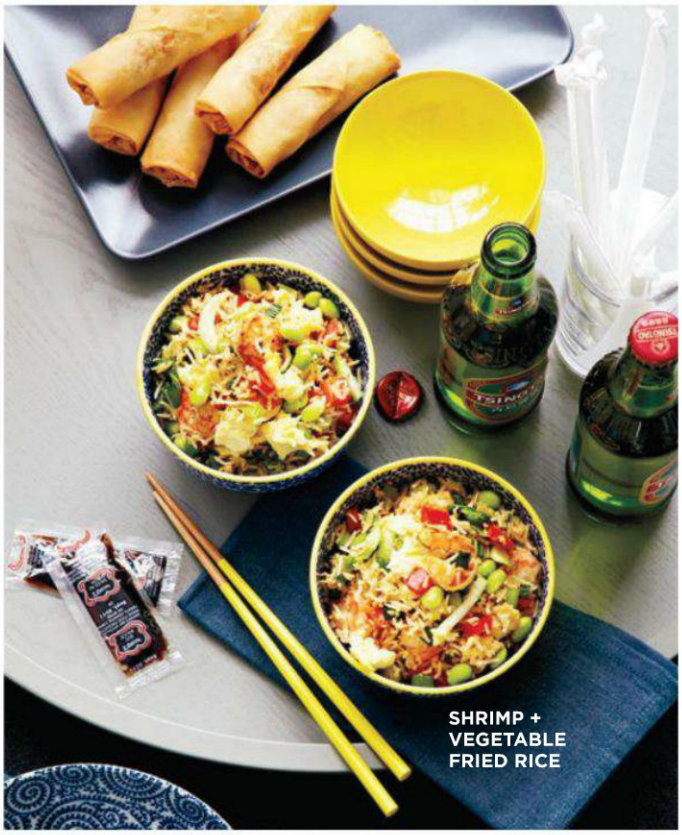
WILD MUSHROOM STIR-FRY WITH SUGAR SNAP PEAS

SERVES 4 TO 6

2 lbs fresh mixed mushrooms (shiitake, oyster, maitake)
1 tbsp sesame oil
1 tbsp vegetable oil
1 tbsp minced garlic
2 tbsp minced shallots
6 oz sugar snap peas, strings removed
1 tbsp mirin
1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
½ cup whole roasted almonds
½ cup chopped green onions
2 cups pea shoots (optional)

Slice the mushrooms into ¼" thick slices. Set aside. Heat the oils over medium-high heat in a wok or large sauté pan. Add the garlic and shallots, stirring until fragrant and just beginning to colour. Add the mushrooms and toss well to coat. Sauté, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms look moist and are just beginning to brown, about 3 minutes. Add the peas, along with the mirin and the soy sauce and continue to cook until the peas are tender-crisp and bright green, about 2 more minutes. Stir in the almonds, green onions and pea shoots and cook until the shoots are just wilted. Serve immediately.

GO BOLD TO BRIGHTEN UP THE SEASON'S DREARY DAYS. MIX THE STRONG SHADE OF HOT MUSTARD YELLOW WITH SUBLIME GREY, THEN REFINE THE LOOK WITH A FEW WARM-TONED WOODEN PIECES.


SHRIMP + VEGETABLE FRIED RICE

CRISPY CHICKEN WITH CHILI GARLIC SAUCE

SHRIMP + VEGETABLE FRIED RICE SERVES 4 TO 6

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil, divided
- 3 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tbsp minced fresh ginger
- 1 cup finely diced red pepper
- ½ cup finely diced sweet Chinese sausage (optional)
- 1 lb small raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 4 cups cold, cooked basmati rice
- 2 tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 1 cup shelled edamame
- 2 small baby bok choy, julienned
- 1 cup finely chopped green onion

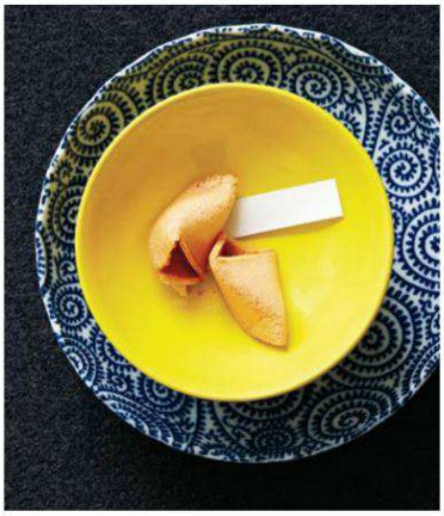
Heat half the vegetable oil over medium heat in a wok or a large sauté pan. Add the eggs and cook, stirring, until lightly scrambled. Remove the eggs from the pan and keep warm. Turn the heat to high, add the remaining oil and the ginger, red pepper, sausage and shrimp and sauté until shrimp are just pink, about 2 minutes. Add the cold rice along with the rice wine vinegar, soy sauce and sesame oil, stirring well until thoroughly coated with the sauce. Sauté until hot. Just before serving, stir in the edamame, baby bok choy, green onion and reserved scrambled eggs until heated through.

CRISPY CHICKEN WITH CHILI GARLIC SAUCE SERVES 4 TO 6

- 2 tbsp minced garlic
- 2 tbsp minced fresh ginger
- 2 red finger chilies, minced (about ¼ cup)
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- ¼ cup rice wine vinegar
- ¼ cup low-sodium soy sauce
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup water
- 4 cups peanut or vegetable oil
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp Maldon sea salt
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 cups panko bread crumbs
- 2 lbs skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1" cubes

In a small saucepan, combine the garlic, ginger, chilies, sesame oil, rice wine vinegar, soy sauce, sugar and water. Bring to a boil and cook on high heat for 4 minutes until the sauce is bubbly, thickened and just slightly caramelized. Remove from the heat and reserve.

Heat the peanut oil to 375°F in a large heavy-bottomed pot or a deep fryer. Stir together the flour and salt in a shallow bowl. Place the eggs and panko in two shallow bowls. Working in 3 batches, lightly coat the chicken pieces in the flour and salt, then dip the pieces in the eggs and finally into the panko, tossing to coat well. Drop about 12 pieces at a time into the hot oil. Cook for 4½ to 5 minutes, until golden and crispy on the outside and cooked through. Drain on paper towels while you cook remaining chicken pieces. Serve the chicken hot with the sauce on the side, or drizzle over the chicken just before serving.



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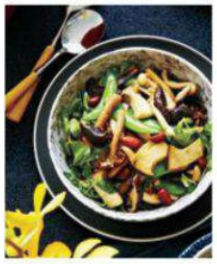
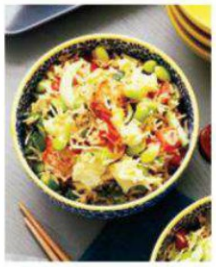
Pair our Ginger Scallion Beef with Oyster Sauce with **CASA LAPOSTOLLE CARMENERE,** Chile, $16.

Carmenere, a variety unique to Chile, would be my first choice, followed by Malbec from Argentina or Rioja Reserva from Spain. The high-toned black raspberry and plum aromas, implicit vanilla sweetness and silky smooth texture of these wines pair seamlessly with this elegant, understated dish.



Pair our Wild Mushroom Stir-Fry with Sugar Snap Peas with **GIANNI GAGLIARDO SUOI BAROLO,** Italy, $28.

A juxtaposition of light and rich flavours with soft and crunchy textures calls for a bold wine with some earthy complexity to enhance the mushrooms at the centre of the dish. Avoid reds with mouth-drying bitterness, such as Cabernet, Merlot and Shiraz. Sinewy Nebbiolo and Pinot Noir perform best in this flavour playground.



Pair our Shrimp + Vegetable Fried Rice with **DIRTY LAUNDRY WOO WOO VINES GEWÜRZTRAMINER,** British Columbia, $30.

For this dish, choose a wine that plays off the gentle spicy aromatics of the ginger, pepper, sesame and soy, and lifts the subtle sweetness of the shrimp and basmati rice. I like an off-dry Gewürztraminer, but don't overlook fragrant Chardonnay Musqué or Viognier.

Pair our Crispy Chicken with Chili Garlic Sauce with **TRIUS WHITE,** Ontario, $20.

Although an off-dry Gewürztraminer works perfectly well with this spicy dish, try a white blend with some food-friendly varieties, such as Riesling or Pinot Gris, combined with the Gewürztraminer. Blends often have a roundness, which enriches the mouth feel of the dish better than a single varietal can.

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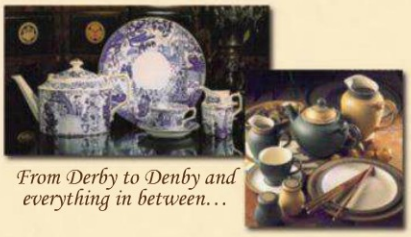

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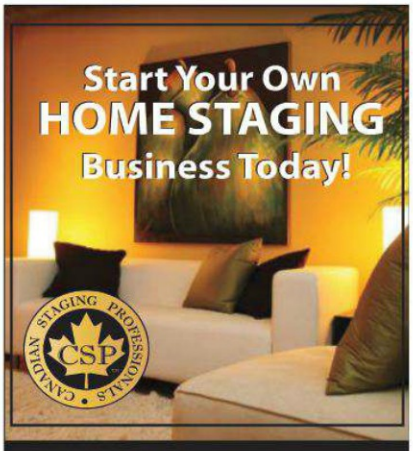

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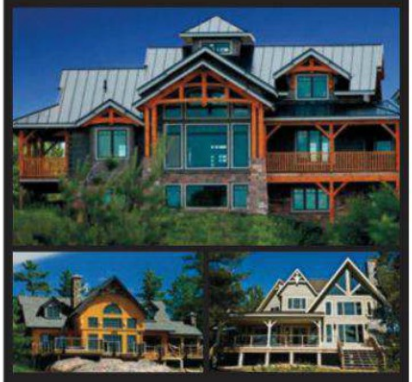

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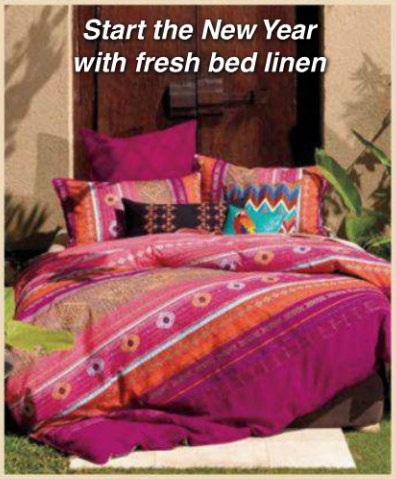

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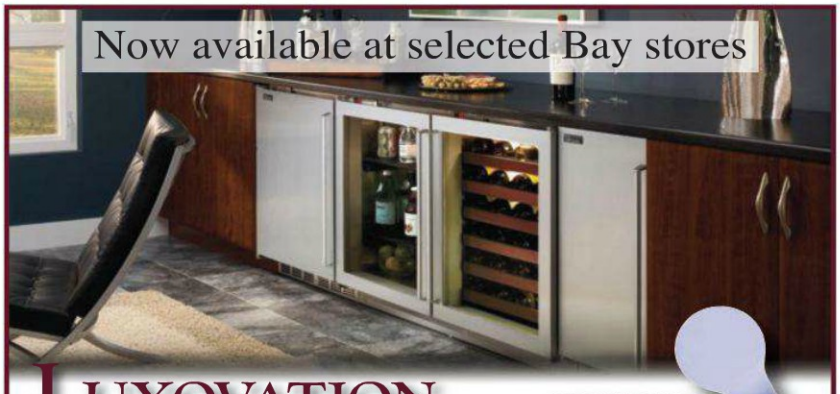

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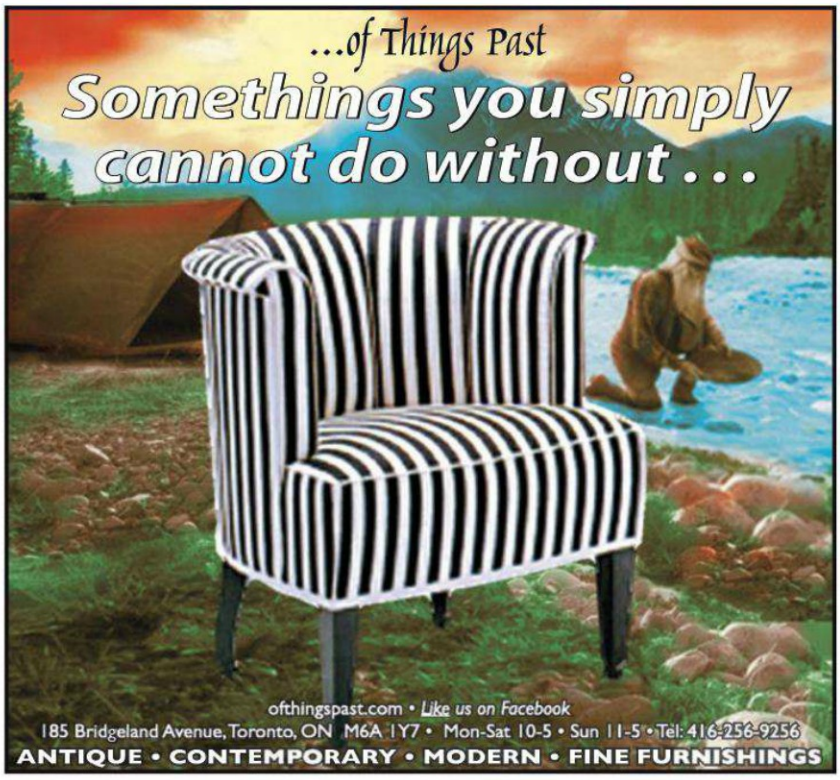
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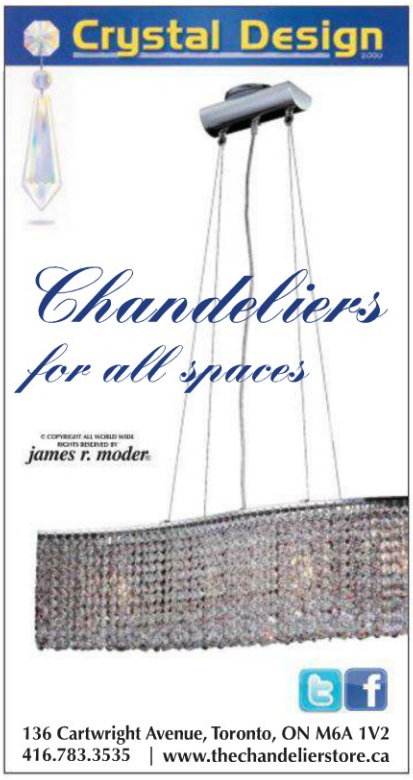
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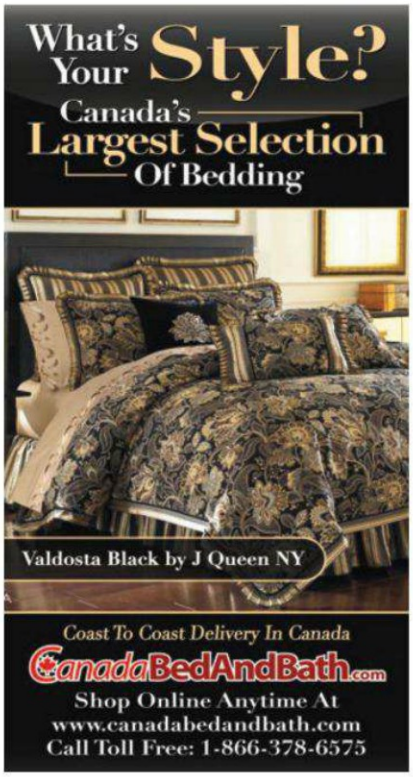
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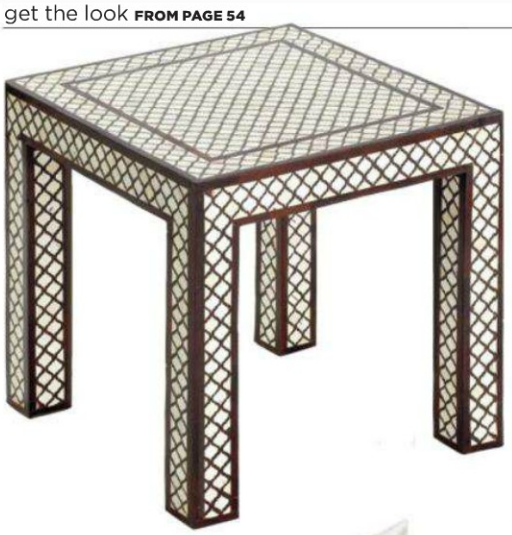

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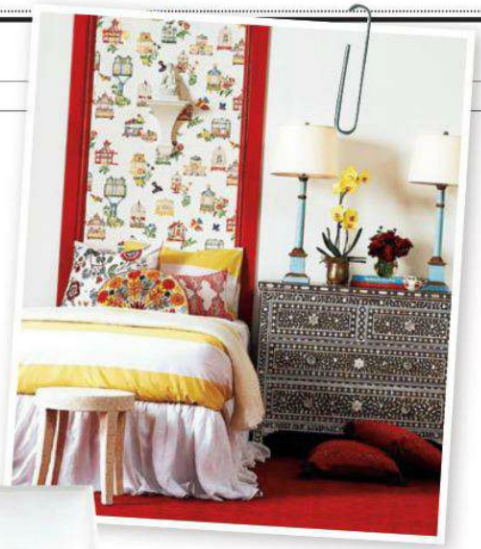

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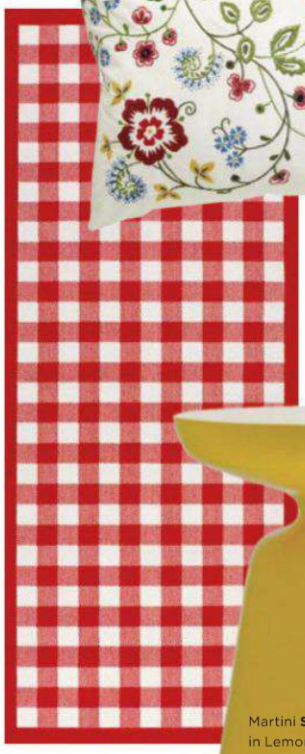

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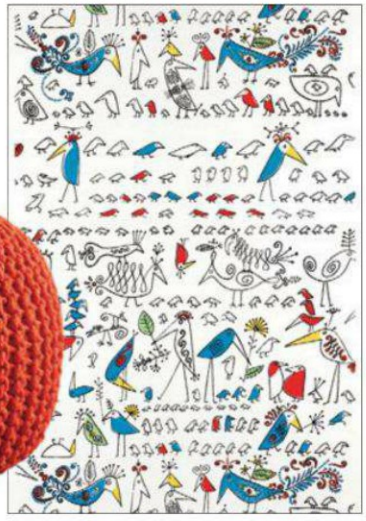

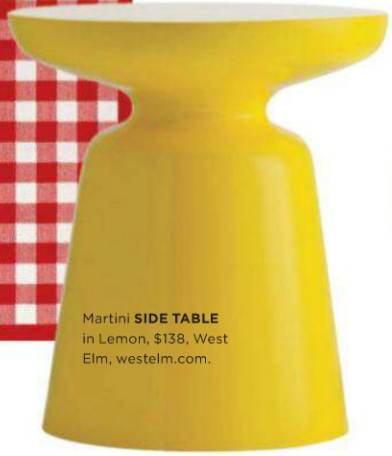

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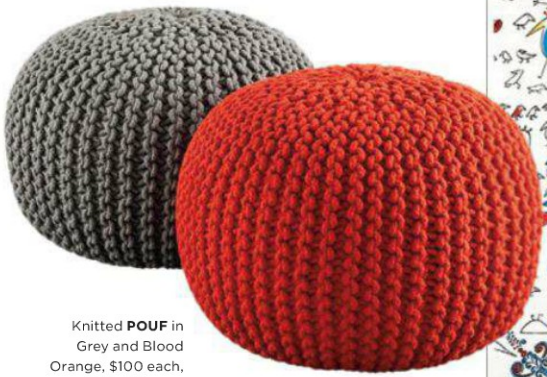

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1 *Essentially Irish* by Josephine Ryan (Ryland Peters & Small), $35

Stylist, antiques dealer and author Josephine Ryan offers a fascinating glimpse into private Irish homes. From converted cottages to chic city townhouses, she explores the many facets of classic Irish style and how it can be adapted into contemporary homes. This is the perfect book to help inspire a modest, yet eclectic-looking home.

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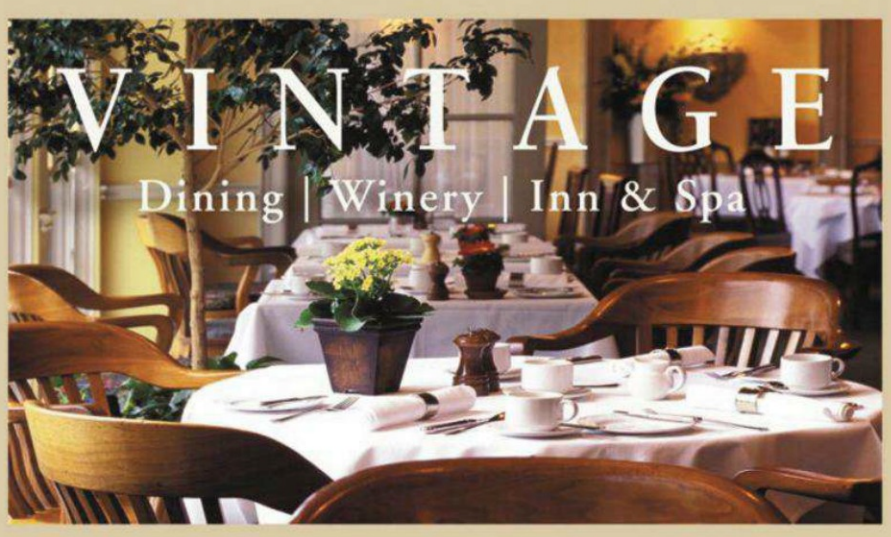

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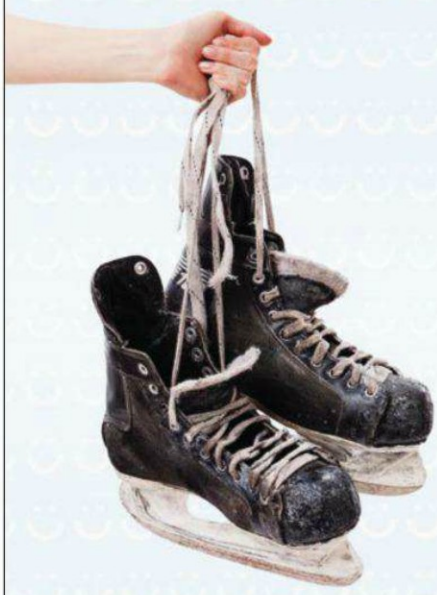

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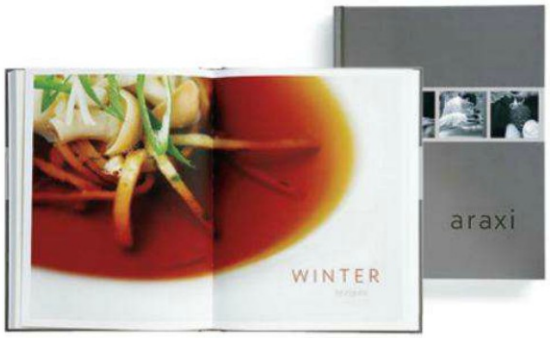

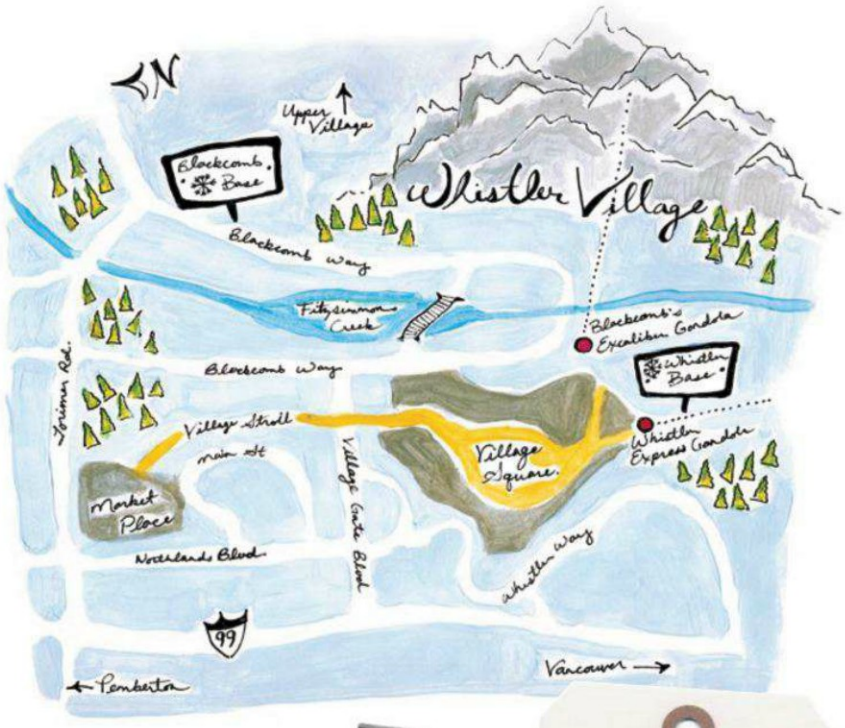

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Every issue, we pick our favourite piece from one of the featured interiors. Here, we've chosen the iconic sunburst mirror, which made a stunning impression in the kitchen of Ottawa designer Irene Langlois (see "Welcome Change," page 82). We tell you why we love it, why it works and where to use it in your own home.

WHY WE LOVE IT

A mirror with a sunburst silhouette not only has timeless appeal, but can also single-handedly create a focal point in a space or easily dress up a wall.

WHY IT WORKS

This mirror is a versatile piece that complements both traditional and contemporary interiors. Many variations exist to suit every style and budget.

WHERE TO USE IT

Hang a sunburst mirror in any room that requires a personality boost or instant wow factor. Try it in an unexpected place like the kitchen for dramatic results.

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